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I.—Roll of the Conference.

EFFECTIVE—

1.—Adams, Paul M.	Helena, 509 Breckenridge.
2.—Barker, Thos. H.	Livingston.
3.—Bartlett, E. C.	Red Lodge.
4.—Bliss, Wm. B.	Clyde Park.
5.—Bovard, Chas. L.	Helena, 41 Denver Block.
6.—Calvert, W. H.	Philipsburg.
7.—Chirgwin, John	Helena, 833 Broadway.
8.—Cooper, Harry M.	Drummond.
9.—Crouch, Charles D.	Missoula.
10.—Cunningham, C. E.	Twin Bridges.
11.—Dodds, F. E.	Thompson Falls.
12.—Edgington, R. C.	Helena, 12 S. Ewing.
13.—Fenton, C. E.	Ingomar.
14.—Fulford, Fred C.	Forsythe.
15.—Hardie, Thomas	Hardin.
16.—Humphry, H. G.	Dillon.
17.—James, H. A.	Livingston.
18.—Kelley, F. O.	Billings.
19.—Kopriva, Godfrey	Townsend.
20.—Lacklen, Jesse	Anaconda.
21.—Linger, F. O.	Park City.
22.—Martin, T. H.	Miles City.
23.—Meeke, J. A.	Sheridan.
24.—Mecklenburg, George	Billings.
25.—Mills, Edward	Salt Lake City.
26.—Mitchell, J. H.	Butte, 715 E. Second.
27.—Mecklenburg, H. C.	Three Forks.
28.—Nutting, Wilder	Big Timber.
29.—Papa, Jos. M. A.	Meaderville.
30.—Pascoe, W. H.	Meaderville, 66 Atlantic St.
31.—Rhodes, Chas. M.	Hamilton.
32.—Ross, John G.	Butte, 971 N. Main St.
33.—Smith, Edward	Bozeman.
34.—Smith, R. P.	Bozeman.
35.—Smith, W. C.	Fairview.
36.—Spencer, Frederick	Whitehall.
37.—Stevens, G. J.	Walkerville.
38.—Stull, Geo. C.	Fort Douglas, Arizona.
39.—Swisher, E. D.	Ronan.
40.—Westren, R. T.	Laurel.
41.—Whitford, Fred	Huntley.
42.—Whiteley, John M.	Sheridan.
43.—Wolfe, Geo. D.	Butte, 315 N. Main St.

SUPERNUMERARY—

44.—Beard, Norton F. (3)	Norton, Kansas.
45.—Leland, Thos. F. (4)	Glendive.

RETIRED—

46.—Badcon, J. A.	Seattle, Wash., 138 W. 83rd St.
47.—Hosking, John	Sioux Pass.
48.—King, Geo. D.	Whitehall.
49.—Kershaw, Andrew	Oakesdale, Wash.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

- 50.—Oliver, S. A..... Helena, 1220 Eighth Ave.
 51.—Mills, Jacob..... McAllister.
 52.—Morrison, A. P..... Los Angeles, Cal.
 53.—Snider, S. E..... McKeesport, Pa., Box 74.
 54.—Tait, Jas. W..... Anaconda.

UNDERGRADUATES—

First Year—

- 55.—Ira F. Rankin..... Upland, Ind.

Second Year—

- 56.—Walter L. Greer..... Helena.
 57.—John W. Starr..... Evanston, Ill.

Third Year—

- 58.—Charles F. Wolfe..... Madison, N. J.
 59.—Norton F. Beard..... Norton, Kansas.
 60.—Leslie R. Putnam..... Cedar Rapids, Ia.
 61.—A. E. Plummer..... Helena.
 62.—Geo. M. Carter..... Bridger.
 63.—W. G. R. Dann..... Sidney.
 64.—A. C. Hoover..... Price, Utah.

CONSECRATED DEACONESSES—

Bozeman—

Edith R. Ackerman.
 Mary Janet Burns.
 Beatrice E. Butler
 H. Grace Linfield.

Ione E. Floyd.
 Lucy A. Joslin.
 Alice M. Hill.

Helena—

Roxanna Beck.
 Emily E. Walther.

Helen C. Piper.

II.—Officers of the Conference.

Bishop Richard J. Cooke.....	President.....	Helena.
Paul M. Adams.....	Secretary.....	Helena.
Fred Whitford.....	Treasurer.....	Huntley.
John M. Whiteley.....	Statistician.....	Glendive.
Jesse Lacklen.....	Registrar.....	Anaconda.

III.—Conference Committees.

TRUSTEES OF THE CONFERENCE.

Jacob Mills, S. A. Oliver, H. A. James, E. H. Fisher, J. A. Doughty.

TRIERS OF APPEALS.

Jacob Mills, Charles D. Crouch, Charles L. Bovard, J. W. Tait, S. A. Oliver.

BOARD OF STEWARDS.

For One Year.....C. E. Cunningham, H. A. James, Albert May.
For Two Years.....R. P. Smith, Charles D. Crouch, J. E. Farnum
For Three Years.....C. L. Bovard, J. A. Meeke, S. E. Dove.

DEACONNESS BOARD.

For One Year.....John Chirgwin, Jesse Lacklen, Mrs. A. M. Dawes.
For Two Years.....E. H. Fisher, Roy C. Smith, John E. Patterson.
For Three Years.....Wm. Luty, Mrs. J. F. Mills, Mrs. E. C. Bartlett.

BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

C. L. Bovard, Edward Smith, Frederick Spencer, Thomas Hardie, S. E. Dove, Thomas Layfield, R. J. Cunningham, Mrs. E. O. Valliant.

BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION.

C. L. Bovard, Edward Smith, George D. Wolfe, Jesse Lacklen, John G. Ross, J. H. Mitchell, William Lutey, F. B. Price, P. H. Sherrard, B. K. Wheeler, J. H. Strain, C. E. Avery.

Officers—President, George D. Wolfe; Vice-President, J. H. Mitchell; Secretary, John G. Ross; Treasurer, Jesse Lacklen.

Executive Committee—The Officers and Wm. Lutey, F. B. Price, P. H. Sherrard.

EPISCOPAL RESIDENCE.

C. L. Bovard, Edward Smith, Jacob Mills, R. C. Edgington, E. D. Elderk, E. H. Fisher.

CONFERENCE BOUNDARIES.

C. L. Bovard, Edward Smith, Paul M. Adams.

DISTRICT BOARDS OF HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION.

Butte—C. L. Bovard, R. C. Edgington, Paul M. Adams, J. A. Doughty, F. E. Dodds.

Yellowstone—Edward Smith, Wilder Nutting, H. A. James, F. B. Reynolds, Andrew Seaberg.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Butte District—George D. Wolfe, John G. Ross, Judge John E. Patterson, H. A. Davee.

Yellowstone District—H. A. James, R. P. Smith, R. J. Cunningham, B. A. Winans.

BOARD OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

George Mecklenburg, H. G. Humphry, C. E. Fenton, E. D. Elderkin, R. C. Edgington, J. B. Montgomery.

COMMISSION ON FINANCE.

T. H. Martin, W. C. House, George Mecklenburg, E. D. Swisher, J. M. Whitely, E. C. Bartlett, F. W. Gates, J. H. Inch, W. G. R. Dann.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Conference Relations—Charles D. Crouch, H. A. James, C. E. Cunningham, T. H. Barker, C. E. Fenton, George Mecklenburg, E. C. Bartlett.

Book Concern—A. E. Plummer, Harry M. Cooper, W. C. Smith.

Freedman's Aid—W. B. Bliss, F. C. Fulford, T. H. Barker.

Hospitals—Jesse Lacklen, W. B. Bliss, W. G. R. Dann, F. E. Dodds, George Mecklenburg, A. J. Movius, R. M. Pinkney.

Temperance—F. T. Spencer, E. D. Swisher, R. T. Westren, W. H. Pascoe, F. E. Dodds, E. C. Bartlett, F. O. Kelley.

Epworth League—J. G. Ross, W. H. Pascoe, Charles Rhodes, J. H. Mitchell, R. C. Edgington.

History and Memoirs—Order of Caleb, George D. King, Jacob Mills, S. A. Oliver, J. W. Tait.

Resolutions—W. B. Bliss, F. O. Linger, J. G. Ross, Walter Greer.

Publishing Minutes—Paul M. Adams, Thomas Hardie, J. M. Whitely, Fred Whitford, R. C. Edgington.

Auditing—W. H. Calvert, G. J. Stevens.

Pro Rating Secretary—T. H. Martin.

Uniform Method of Church Finance—George Mecklenburg, Jesse Lacklen, Charles D. Crouch.

Conference Quartette—F. O. Kelley, John G. Ross, A. C. Hoover, A. E. Plummer.

Delegates to Federal Council—Edward Smith, J. W. Tait, C. L. Bovard.
Fraternal Delegate to Montana Conference Methodist Episcopal Church South—Charles L. Bovard.

IV.—Disciplinary Questions.

1. **Is this Annual Conference Incorporated According to the Requirements of the Discipline?**

It is.

2. **Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conference?**

Godfrey Kopriva, North Montana.

3. **Who have been Readmitted?**

None.

4. **Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches?**

None.

5. **Who have been Received on Trial?**

- (a) **In Studies of First Year.**

Ira F. Rankin.

- (b) **In Studies of Third Year.**

None.

6. **Who have been Continued on Trial?**

- (a) **In Studies of First Year.**

None.

- (b) **In Studies of Second Year.**

Walter L. Greer.

John W. Starr.

- (c) **In Studies of Third Year.**

Geo. M. Carter.

- (d) **In Studies of Fourth Year.**

None.

7. **Who have been Discontinued?**

Clarence B. May.

Charles R. Carlin.

Rollin A. Smith.

8. **Who have been admitted into Full Membership?**

- (a) **Elected and Ordained Deacons this year.**

None.

- (b) **Elected and Ordained Deacons previously.**

W. G. R. Dann.

Albert C. Hoover.

Godfrey Kopriva.

9. **What Members are in Studies of Third Year?**

- (a) **Admitted into Full Membership this year.**

W. G. R. Dann.

A. C. Hoover.

- (b) **Admitted into Full Membership previously.**

Chas. F. Wolfe.

Norton F. Beard.

Leslie R. Putnam.

A. E. Plummer.

10. **What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?**

None.

11. **What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?**
 - (a) **Elected and Ordained Elders this year.**
 Harry M. Cooper.
 Chas. Rhodes.
 Godfrey Kopriva.
 - (b) **Elected and Ordained Elders previously.**
 None.
12. **What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?**
 - (a) **As Local Preachers.**
 None.
 - (b) **Under Missionary Rule.**
 None.
 - (c) **Under Seminary Rule.**
 None.
13. **What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?**
 - (a) **As Local Deacons.**
 None.
 - (b) **Under Missionary Rule.**
 None.
 - (c) **Under Seminary Rule.**
 None.
14. **Was the Character of each Preacher examined?**
 This was done in open conference.
15. **Who have been Transferred, and to what Conference?**
 Samuel Taylor, North India.
16. **Who have Died?**
 None.
17. **Who have been Located at their own Request?**
 None.
18. **Who have been Located?**
 None.
19. **Who have Withdrawn?**
 Betuvia V. Edworthy. (See Question 22.)
20. **Who have been permitted to Withdraw under Charges or Complaints?**
 None.
21. **Who have been Expelled?**
 None.
22. **What other personal Notation should be made?**
 Betuvia V. Edworthy was allowed to withdraw Conditionally.
 The deacons credentials of Geo. M. Carter, a probationer, who withdrew in 1910 and joined on trial in 1915, were restored by vote of conference.
23. **Who are the Supernumerary Ministers, and for what number of years consecutively has each held this Relation?**
 (Norton F. Beard) (3).
 Thomas S. Leland (4)

24. Who are the Retired Ministers?

Geo. D. King, Andrew Kershaw, Jacob Mills, A. P. Morrison, S. A. Oliver, S. E. Snider, Jas. W. Tait, J. A. Badcon, John Hosking.

25. Who are the Triers of Appeals?

Chas. L. Bovard, H. A. James, Jacob Mills, S. A. Oliver, Chas. D. Crouch.

26. What is the Annual Report of the Conference Board of Home Missions and Church Extension?

See Report.

27. What is the Annual Report of the Conference Board of Foreign Missions?

See Report.

28. What is the Statistical Report?

See the Statistician's Report.

29. What is the Conference Treasurer's Report?

See the Conference Treasurer's Report.

30. What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer?

\$13,414.

31. What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?

\$5,886.

32. What has been Received on these Claims, and how has it been Applied?

See Report of Conference Stewards.

33. What is the Five Per Cent of the amount raised for the Support of Conference Claimants, and paid by the Conference Treasurer to the Board of Conference Claimants for Connectional Relief?

\$85.

34. What amount has been apportioned to the Pastoral Charges within the Conference to be raised for the Support of Conference Claimants?

\$4,807.

35. Where are the Preachers Stationed?

See List of Appointments.

36. Where shall the Next Conference be held?

Miles City.

V.—Appointments Montana Conference 1916**Butte District, Supt. Chas. L. Bovard. (1)**

Anaconda	Jesse Lacklen (1)
Avon	Supplied by M. E. Vandemark (3)
Big Blackfoot	To be supplied.
Butte—	
Grace	J. H. Mitchell (3)
Mount Bethel and Wesley	G. J. Stephens (1)
Mountain View	Geo. D. Wolfe (7)
Trinity	John G. Ross (3)
Unity and St. George	W. H. Pascoe (3)
Italian Mission	Jos. M. A. Papa (4)
Clancy and Jefferson	Cecil J. Hannan (2)
Dillon	H. G. Humphry (2)
Drummond and Hall	H. M. Cooper (2)
Hamilton	Chas. Rhodes (3)
Helena—	
Oakes St.	(A. E. Plummer) (1)
St. Paul's	R. C. Edgington (4)
Lima	To be supplied.
Meadow Creek	Supplied by Thomas Clarkson (1)
Marysville	Supplied by Walter Wampler (1)
Missoula	Chas. D. Crouch (4)
Philipsburg	W. H. Calvert (2)
Sheridan	J. A. Meeke (1)
Stevensville	To be supplied.
Superior and Alberton	Supplied by W. S. Tester (1)
St. Ignatius and Ronan	E. D. Swisher (1)
Thompson Falls and Plains	F. E. Dodds (4)
Three Forks	Henry C. Mecklenburg (2)
Townsend and Radersburg	Godfrey Kopriva (2)
Twin Bridges	C. E. Cunningham (2)
Whitehall	Frederick Spencer (1)
Winston	Supplied by (Walter L. Greer) (1)

Yellowstone District, Edward Smith, Superintendent. (1)

Baker	To be supplied.
Big Timber	Wilder Nutting (3)
Billings	George Mecklenburg (4)
Birney	To be supplied by J. H. Matney (3)
Bloomfield	To be supplied.
Bozeman	R. P. Smith (2)
Bridger and Fromberg	(Geo. M. Carter) (1)
Comanche	To be supplied.
Fairview	W. C. Smith (2)
Forsythe	F. C. Fulford (3)
Fishtail	To be supplied by A. T. Peck (5)
Glendive	J. M. Whiteley (1)
Hardin	Thomas Hardie (1)
Hill Crest	To be supplied.
Huntley	Fred Whitford (1)
Ingomar	C. E. Fenton (1)
Joliet	To be supplied.

Laurel	R. T. Westren (1)
Livingston	H. A. James (5)
Miles City	T. H. Martin (3)
Park City	F. O. Linger (2)
Pine Creek	T. H. Barker (3)
Preston	To be supplied.
Red Lodge	E. C. Bartlett (1)
Red Water	Supplied by T. L. McCutcheon (2)
Sidney	(W. G. R. Dann) (4)
Sioux Pass	Supplied by John Hosking (1)
Wibaux	Supplied by A. L. Hurlburt (1)
Wilsall and Clyde Park	Wm. B. Bliss (1)

Special Appointments.

Geo. C. Stull, Chaplain United States Army, Billings Quarterly Conference.

Paul M. Adams, Vice President Montana Wesleyan University (3)
St. Paul's, Helena, Quarterly Conference.

(A. C. Hoover), Principal Price Academy (1) Price, Utah, Quarterly Conference.

John Chirgwin, Field Agent Montana Deaconess School (4) St. Paul's, Helena, Quarterly Conference.

(Leslie R. Putnam)

Edward Laird Mills, Superintendent Utah Mission (3)

Fred O. Kelley, Conference Evangelist (2) Billings Quarterly Conference.

(C. F. Wolfe), (John W. Starr), (Walter L. Greer), (Ira F. Rankin),
left without appointment to attend school.

Names in parenthesis are under-graduates. Figures in parenthesis refer to number of years of service including 1916-17.

Missionary Appropriations.**BUTTE DISTRICT.**

Avon	\$100
Big Blackfoot	250
Clancy	100
Italian Mission	900
Marysville	100
Mt. Bethel and Wesley.....	100
Philipsburg	300
St. Ignatius Circuit.....	250
Stevensville	250
Superior and Alberton.....	250
Thompson Falls and Plains.....	350
Three Forks	350
Twin Bridges	250
Whitehall	100
Unity	100
Oakes St.	100
Lima	250
At disposal of District Superintendent.....	100

I concur,

RICHARD J. COOKE.

YELLOWSTONE DISTRICT

District	\$300
Baker	150
Big Timber	175
Birney	100
Bloomfield	150
Comanche	150
Fairview	150
Fishtail	100
Glendive	100
Hardin	250
Huntley	100
Joliet	200
Laurel	300
Park City	150
Preston and Wibaux.....	250
Red Lodge	100
Red Water	150
Sioux Pass	150
Ingomar	300
Hill Crest	100
At disposal of District Superintendent.....	75

I Concur,

R. J. COOKE.

VI.—Daily Proceedings.

FIRST DAY, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16th, 1916.

DEVOTIONS.—The Annual Session of the Montana Conference convened at 8:30 a. m. The devotions were in charge of Bishop R. J. Cooke. Hymn 315, "Nearer my God to thee" was sung. Rev Alpha G. Kynett led in prayer, Bishop Cooke then addressed the Conference. His address was an exposition of the last Supper and sufferings of our Lord. To say that it was scholarly is true, to say that it was inspirational to deeper thinking and holier living is still more true. After the consecration of the elements in which he was assisted by the District Superintendents, the sacrament was administered to the waiting congregation.

THE CONFERENCE SESSION was called to order. Bishop Cooke addressed the Conference, stating his pleasure in meeting with the men of Montana. Geo. D. Wolfe aptly responded and a rising vote of the brethren welcomed our new bishop to the Montana Conference.

ORGANIZATION.—ROLL.—The secretary of the last session read the roll of the Conference and the following answered to their names: **EFFECTIVE ELDERS:** Paul M. Adams, Thos. H. Barker, E. C. Bartlett, Wm. B. Bliss, Chas. L. Bovard, W. H. Calvert, John Chirgwin, Chas. D. Crouch, C. E. Cunningham, F. E. Dodds, R. C. Edgington, C. E. Fenton, Fred C. Fulford, Thomas Hardie, H. J. Humphry, H. A. James, F. O. Kelley, Jesse Lacklen, F. O. Linger, T. H. Martin, J. A. Meeke, George Mecklenburg, Henry C. Mecklenburg, Wilder Nutting, Jos. M. A. Papa, W. H. Pascoe, John G. Ross, Edward Smith, W. C. Smith, Frederick Spencer, G. J. Stevens, E. D. Swisher, R. T. Westren, Fred Whitford, John M. Whiteley, Geo. D. Wolfe. **RETIRED:** John Hosking, Geo. D. King, J. A. Badcon, S. A. Oliver. **UNDER GRADUATES:** R. A. Smith, Walter L. Greer, Geo. M. Carter, W. G. R. Dann, A. E. Plummer, Harry M. Cooper, Charles Rhodes.

Paul M. Adams was elected **Secretary** and named Charles Rhodes and Thomas Hardie as his assistants.

John M. Whiteley was elected **Statistician** and named as his assistants H. G. Humphry, H. C. Mecklenburg, F. C. Fulford, and A. E. Plummer.

For **TREASURER** the Conference chose Fred Whitford; his assistants Ele D. Swisher, W. B. Bliss, Geo. M. Carter.

The bar of the Conference was fixed at the first five rows of seats.

After substituting H. A. James for J. W. Tait as Trier of Appeals, the Standing Committees were confirmed as named last year.

MEMORIAL SESSION: The Conference went into Memorial Session, Rev. Geo. D. King, Chairman. He called to the platform S. A. Oliver, Chas. L. Bovard, Geo. D. Wolfe, Chas. D. Crouch, John Hosking, and Edward Smith. Hymn 222 was sung.

Chas. L. Bovard read the Memoir on the life of our beloved Bishop Naphthali Luccock. Edward Smith followed. The chairman

then called Bishop Cooke to the platform. He spoke touchingly on the life of his colleague and of the fact of the resurrection.

Three widows of Methodist Ministers have gone from us during the year. S. A. Oliver read the Memoir for Sister Marion Comfort, Geo. D. Wolfe for Sister H. S. Taft and Chas. D. Crouch for Sister Fannie Bennett. The Memoirs will be found printed in their proper place in the Minutes. (See page 50).

Disciplinary Questions. No. 1.—“Is this Annual Conference incorporated?” Answer, It is.

No. 2.—“Who have been received by transfer?” Godfrey Kopriva from the North Montana Conference. Bro. Kopriva is on trial in studies of the 4th year and is a deacon under Missionary rule. In case of H. J. Bamford who took work in the Yellowstone District for a short time, the Secretary reported that he had no notice of transfer. His Superintendent reported that he had returned to his Conference. The bishop ruled that in the absence of information nothing could be done in his case.

No. 3.—“Who have been readmitted?” Answer: None. Geo. M. Carter, a deacon, discontinued in 1910, admitted on trial in 1915, asked to have his parchments restored; this was done on motion of Paul M. Adams.

No. 14. The character of Edward Smith was passed and he read his report. (See report.)

PROGRAM.—On motion of Geo. D. Wolfe the program prepared by Jesse Lacklen, Superintendent, and H. A. James, the local pastor, was made the official program.

DEACONESS BOARD.—The secretary by request represented the General Deaconess Board.

ORGANIZATION.: F. E. Dodds was elected to represent the Book Concern. T. H. Martin was made Railroad Secretary. George Mecklenburg was selected to report to the local papers.

Paul M. Adams moved and it was carried that the Superintendents Reports be referred to the Standing Committee on Reference, viz: Jacob Mills, Chas. L. Bovard, S. A. Oliver.

Hour of adjournment on motion of Geo. D. Wolfe was set at 11:45.

ANNOUNCEMENTS were made and the benediction pronounced by M. J. Trennery.

THE STATISTICAL SESSION convened at 2 p. m. with Chas. L. Bovard in the Chair. After devotions the Roll was called and the brethren reported.

It was moved by Chas. D. Crouch and carried that the Statistician and Treasurer be allowed to close their books on Friday noon.

It was also carried on motion of Chas. D. Crouch that the money collected under the Epworth League Missionary Policy be placed in a separate column and not under the heading "Other benevolences."

Adjournment.

SECOND DAY, THURSDAY, AUG. 17, 8:30 A. M.

After devotions Bishop Cooke read the story of Gideon and addressed the Conference on "The Most Modern Minded Man in the Old Testament."

The Minutes of the last Session were read and approved as corrected.

The roll of charges which had not reported at the Statistical Session was called and they made their reports.

Three checks were presented to the Conference by the bishop and delivered to the Chairman of the Board of Stewards, one for \$100 from the Board of Conference Claimants, one of \$860 from the Book Concern, and one of \$34 from the Rose Bequest, New York.

INTRODUCTIONS.—Alpha J. Kynett of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, A. E. Metcalf of the Troy Conference, E. J. Talbott, President of Kimball College of Theology, Salem Oregon, E. J. Stanley of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, Rev. R. P. Smith of Bozeman, Rev. T. L. McCutcheon of Redwater were introduced to the Conference.

Dr. Jacob Mills was called to the Chair, Alpha J. Kynett of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension addressed the Conference.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS:—The Bishop took the chair and the consideration of Question No. 14 was resumed.

The names of the following effective elders and probationers were called, their characters were passed and they represented their charges: J. A. Meeke, Walter L. Greer, Jos. M. A. Papa, Geo. D. Wolfe, John G. Ross, J. H. Mitchell, W. H. Pascoe, H. J. Humphry, H. M. Cooper, Charles Rhodes, Thomas Hardie, R. C. Edgington, E. D. Swisher, Chas. D. Crouch, W. H. Calvert, Godfrey Kopriva, J. M. Whiteley, E. C. Bartlett, F. E. Dodds, Henry C. Mecklenburg, C. E. Cunningham, Thos. Clarkson and W. S. Tester, local preachers, also reported their work.

THREE FORKS NOTE.—The matter of the renewal of the note for \$1000 on the Three Forks Church was taken up and the members of the Conference asked to endorse it for the ensuing year. Twenty signers were secured.

YELLOWSTONE DISTRICT.—The character of Jesse Jacklen, Superintendent of the Yellowstone District, was passed. He read his Report. (See report.)

The characters of the following elders and probationers were passed,—Wilder Nutting, Geo. Mecklenburg, R. P. Smith, Frederick Spencer, W. C. Smith, F. C. Fulford, Wm. B. Bliss, Geo. M. Carter, A. E. Plummer, R. T. Westren, F. O. Linger, T. H. Barker, Fred Whitford, G. J. Stevens; Rev. T. L. McCutcheon, a supply from the Cana-

dian Church, represented the Red Water circuit and Mrs. Mary Fritcher reported the collections for Comanche.

The character of the following men on detached service were passed,—Geo. C. Stull, C. E. Fenton, C. L. Bovard, Paul M. Adams, A. C. Hoover, John Chirgwin, Leslie R. Putnam, Edward Laird Mills, Fred O. Kelley, C. F. Wolfe, John W. Starr, Clarence B. May.

Dr. E. J. Talbott of Kimball College of Theology addressed the Conference.

No. 4.—Who have been received on Credentials? None.

No. 5.—Who have been received on trial?

(a) in studies of the first year. The board of examiners reported that Ira F. Rankin had passed in all the studies for admission on trial. The chairman of Conference Relations recommended his admission, his superintendent reported favorably and he was admitted in the studies of the first year.

(b) in the studies of the 3rd year? None.

Question No. 19.—Betuvia V. Edworthy was allowed to withdraw under conditions, and his case was placed in the hands of the Superintendent of the Butte District.

Question No. 6.—(a) Who have been continued in the studies of the first year? Answer: Rollin A. Smith. (Reconsidered). (See page 17).

(b) in the studies of the 2nd year? On recommendation of the Board of Examiners Walter L. Greer was advanced to the studies of the second year. John W. Starr and Albert C. Hoover (see page 19) were continued in the studies of the second year. Geo. M. Carter and W. G. R. Dann were passed in the studies of the 2nd year and advanced to the studies of the third year.

No. 9.—(b) Chas. F. Wolfe, Norton F. Beard and Leslie R. Putnam were continued in the studies of the third year.

In the case of Norton F. Beard, a supernumerary, whose address is unknown, it was moved by Geo. D. Wolfe that his case be placed in the hands of the District Superintendent for investigation.

No. 7.—Who have been discontinued? Clarence B. May and C. R. Carlin were discontinued at their own request. Bro. Carlin, a probationer, holds local elder's orders and it was ruled that he was entitled to retain them.

TRANSFER REQUESTED.—C. L. Bovard moved and it was carried that the District Superintendents request the bishop in charge of the Iowa Conference to transfer Leslie R. Putnam to that conference, it being understood that he had secured work within the bounds of the Iowa Conference.

Question No. 10.—What members are in the studies of the 4th year? Answer: None.

Question No. 11.—Harry M. Cooper, Charles Rhodes, and Godfrey Kopriva, upon recommendation of the Board of Examiners were graduated from the course of study.

ANNOUNCEMENTS were made and the Conference adjourned with the doxology.

THIRD DAY, FRIDAY, AUGUST 18, 1916.

After the devotions Bishop Cooke addressed the Conference on the Incarnation. The minutes were read and approved as amended.

The question of the disposal of the character of Rollin A. Smith was mentioned. His superintendent affirmed that he had secured a verbal withdrawal, that he had allowed him to reconsider and that he had not availed himself of that privilege. In view of these facts the bishop ruled as follows:

"When a man announced either verbally or by writing or printed notice his purpose to withdraw he is there and then defacto withdrawn. He cannot withdraw that purpose or intention, **unless he have doubt as to the act.** But if the superior in the ministry (pastor or District Superintendent) **Permits** him to re-consider, the pastor or District Superintendent being the agent of the Church, then the case is re-considered and the man is **Not** withdrawn. If he does not take advantage of the permission to reconsider then his act of withdrawal stands and he **is** withdrawn."

Geo. D. Wolfe moved to reconsider the case of Rollin A. Smith. **Question No. 14** was taken up. Edward Smith moved that his character be referred to a special Committee. The Bishop ruled as follows:

"That since this brother is not a member of the Montana Conference but under the law of the Church he is amenable to the Quarterly Conference, and must be tried by the local Preachers of his Church. As the law of the Church is that a Member on trial bears the same relation to the Quarterly Conference as a local preacher does."

No. 15.—Who have been transferred? Samuel Taylor to the North India Conference.

No. 16.—Who have died? None.

No. 17.—Who have been located at their own request? None.

No. 18.—Who have been located? None.

No. 19.—Who have withdrawn? Betuvia V. Edworthy.

No. 20.—Who have withdrawn under charges? None.

No. 8.—W. G. R. Dann after recommendation by his superintendents and the Board of Conference Relations was admitted into full connection.

No. 10.—What members are in the studies of the 4th year. None.

No. 11.—Harry M. Cooper and Charles Rhodes having completed the Conference course of study and being recommended by the District Superintendent, the Committee of Conference Relations and the board of examiners, were elected to elders orders.

Questions No. 8 and 11.—Godfrey Kopriva having completed the course of study and having been on probation for two years was admitted into full connection and elected to elders orders.

No. 23.—Who are the supernumerary preachers? On recommendation of the Board of Conference Relations, Norton F. Beard, and T. S. Leland were continued in the supernumerary relation.

CORPORATE SESSION.

Jacob Mills moved that we resolve ourselves into **CORPORATE SESSION**. S. A. Oliver took the chair. The trustees for the coming year were nominated and elected; they are S. A. Oliver, H. A. James, Jacob Mills, E. H. Fisher, J. A. Doughty.

The report of the treasurer was read and approved. All matters pertaining to the sale of the Victor Church were referred to the Board of Conference Trustees with power to act.

Jesse Lacklen moved that the disposal of the Salesville property be left to Board of Trustees of the Bozeman Church subject to the approval of the Conference Board.

Subject to the approval of the Board of Conference Trustees the trustees of the Drummond Church were authorized to dispose of the parsonage at New Chicago. Supt. Lacklen moved and it was carried that the Chestnut Church be placed in the hands of the Board of Conference Trustees.

CONFERENCE SESSION RESUMED.—Bishop Cooke took the chair. John Chirgwin moved that Lucy Abbott Joslin, Beatrice Eve Butler be licensed and consecrated deaconesses.

PUBLISHING THE MINUTES.—The Secretary read the report of the Committee on Publishing the Minutes. It was referred to the Auditing Committee.

On motion of C. L. Bovard a tax of four mills was ordered on the pastors salary, this to defray the expense for the coming year.

Bishop Cooke addressed the Conference concerning his aims and plans for the coming quadrennium.

Chas. L. Bovard moved and it was carried that a portion of the Joint Session in the afternoon be devoted to the discussion of education. Chas. L. Bovard moved a **Committee of five on Publications** be appointed to consider the recommendations of Bishop Cooke in regard to the Messenger and the Church papers. The bishop appointed Chas. D. Crouch, Edward Smith, Jesse Lacklen, George Mecklenburg and R. P. Smith.

INTRODUCTIONS.—W. W. Van Orsdel, J. A. Martin and A. W. Armstrong of the North Montana Conference, E. T. Gruwell of the Upper Iowa Conference, A. F. Ragatz of the American Bible Society, Joseph Pope, Superintendent of the Anti Saloon League, J. V. Hawk of the Montana Childrens Home Finding Society, Judge Frank B. Reynolds of Billings, F. W. Collins of the "Paramount Issue" were introduced to the Conference.

The **ANNOUNCEMENTS** were made. The time was extended to allow Mr. F. W. Collins opportunity to speak, and the benediction was pronounced by W. W. Van Orsdel.

JOINT SESSION.—The Joint Ministerial and Lay Session convened at 2 p. m. After devotions Mr. E. E. Collins, President of the Lay Association, was called to the platform. He addressed the assembly. Sister Wilder Nutting, Secretary of the Committee on Resolutions, stated the plans of the Laymen's Association. E. H. Fisher, the lay delegate to the General Conference, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

ORDER OF THE DAY.—On motion of Paul M. Adams, the hour of 11:15 on Saturday morning was set apart for a further joint meeting of the two bodies.

Miss Carpenter of the Seattle Training School was introduced and addressed the assembly. A. F. Ragatz talked about the work of the American Bible Society.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.—After a partial report on the Board of Education which was fully discussed Geo. Mecklenburg presented a resolution to found a "School of the Prophets" in Helena next summer. This was passed and the resolution will be found on page 37.

Jesse Lacklen presented a Resolution on the Kimball School of Theology. (See Resolution.)

Benediction was pronounced by Paul M. Adams.

FOURTH DAY, SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 8:30 A. M.

After devotions the Bishop addressed the Conference on the Atonement.

The MINUTES were read and approved.

QUESTION NO. 8.—By common consent A. C. Hoover was taken from the second year, passed into the third year, and admitted into full connection.

QUESTION NO. 20.—Upon recommendation of the Committee of Conference Relations, the following were continued as the Retired Preachers:—J. A. Badcon, John Hosking, Andrew Kershaw, Geo. D. King, Jacob Mills, A. P. Morrison, S. A. Oliver, S. E. Snider, and J. W. Tait.

Bros. Badcon, King, Hosking, Mills and Oliver were present and briefly addressed the Conference. The Secretary read letters of greeting from Bros. Kershaw, Morrison and Tait. Greetings were ordered sent to Bro. Tait.

QUESTION NO. 25.—C. L. Boyard, H. A. James, Jacob Mills, S. A. Oliver and Chas. D. Crouch were named as the Triers of Appeals.

ANTI SALOON LEAGUE.—Jos. Pope, Superintendent of the Anti Saloon League, addressed the Conference. The Bishop at the conclusion placed strong emphasis on the formation of Win One Club: for Prohibition, asking that one be formed in each charge.

ADMISSION INTO THE CONFERENCE.—The class for admission into full connection was called before the Conference. The Bishop

asked the disciplinary questions, clearly and fully explaining each as it was read. Upon satisfactory answers being given the class was admitted into full connection.

QUESTION NO. 28.—The Statistician presented a summary of his report. On motion of Geo. Mecklenburg the conference decided that next year when the men make their report, they shall also report the number of accessions.

E. R. Fulkerson, representing the Board of FOREIGN MISSIONS, was introduced to and addressed the Conference.

QUESTION NO. 36.—Where shall the next Session of the Conference be held? T. H. Martin put in nomination Miles City, E. C. Bartlett Stevensville. Miles City was elected and on motion of E. C. Bartlett the choice was made unanimous.

The conference decided on motion of Geo. Mecklenburg that next year it would only ask in way of ENTERTAINMENT lodging and breakfast.

The **ORDER OF THE DAY** was called and the Joint Session of the lay and ministerial bodies met. C. L. Bovard read the report of the Committee on Education. After most thorough discussion it was enthusiastically adopted. Mrs. Nutting, secretary of the Lay association, read the minutes of the body. The work of the Laymen's Association was cordially commended.

DEACONESS REPORT.—John Chirgwin presented a report of his work as field agent of the Deaconess School. The report was adopted and filed with the Secretary.

On motion of G. D. Wolfe it was moved that when we do adjourn we adjourn to meet at 7:15.

Conference adjourned with benediction by Dr. Fulkerson.

SATURDAY EVENING.

The conference met at 7:15 P. M. The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Question 29.—The Conference Treasurer Fred Whitford read His report. The conference then adjourned to meet after the evening service.

After the lecture by Dr. Fulkerson, the conference again convened. J. M. Whitely moved that we adjourn to meet on Monday morning. A rising vote showed a tie. Dr. Chas. L. Bovard then moved that we resume the session and the motion carried. Charles D. Crouch was called to the chair. The following reports were received and approved. Committee on Reference, Sunday Schools, Epworth League, Board of Home Missions, Church Extension, Auditing, Freedman Aid, Deaconess Board, Temperance, Stewards, Publications.

The chair named as a committee on the campaign for **Conference Claimants Endowment**: Jacob Mills, Geo. Mecklenburg, H. A. James, S. A. Oliver, John G. Ross.

Geo. Mecklenburg spoke of the opportunity for the acquirement of a **Deaconess Hospital** in Billings. Jesse Lacklen also mentioned the favorable prospect for the same kind of an institution in Sidney. It was moved by Wolfe that we recommend the proposals to the Deaco-

ness Board and extend to these enterprises our sympathy and prayers.

The Board of Examiners were put in nomination by Jesse Lacklen and approved by the Conference. The conference then Adjourned.

SUNDAY EVENING.

QUESTIONS NO 31, 33 and 34 were answered. The missionary appropriations for the year were read and approved. It was moved that after the reading of the appointments we adjourn Sine die.

The bishop read the appointments and the conference adjourned with the benediction.

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION.

This is to certify that at Livingston, Montana, on Aug. 20, I ordained as Elders, Godfrey Kopriva, Charles M. Rhodes and Harry M. Cooper.

RICHARD J. COOKE,

Presiding Bishop.

Certificate.—The foregoing is the official journal of the Montana Annual Conference at a session held in Livingston, Montana, August 16-20, 1916.

RICHARD J. COOKE,

PAUL M. ADAMS, Secretary.

Presiding Bishop.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LAY ASSOCIATION HELD AT LIVINGSTON, MONT., IN THE BASEMENT OF THE M. E. CHURCH, AT 9 A. M., FRIDAY, AUGUST 16, 1916.

Pres. E. E. Collins in the Chair.

E. H. Fisher, Sec'y pro tem.

Meeting opened with singing and prayer.

The Chairman made an address defining the general object of the Association.

Mrs. Mary E. Fritchie, of Comanche, addressed the meeting on special work done at the Comanche church in the Sunday School she reorganized.

Judge Reynold, of Billings, was introduced and made a report of the work at Billings.

Pres. Collins explained the plan of finance in the Billings church, followed by Bro. F. C. Kolb.

Wm. Sigler, of Anaconda, gave an interesting talk of the work at Anaconda, especially that of Home Dept. he carried forward.

At this point the Chairman appointed the following Committees:

Credentials: P. H. Sherrard, Mrs. Carrie L. Thompson, Mrs. Alvin Coble.

Nominations: E. H. Funk, Mrs. Mary E. Fritchie, Mrs. M. G. Dauskin.

Resolutions: Mrs. N. Nutting, J. C. Borgers, Mr. Wm. Sigler.

E. H. Fisher made some remarks of general import and what he thought the Lay Association should take up in our respective churches.

Adjourned to meet at 9 A. M. Saturday morning.

The Association reassembled at 9:30 A. M. August 17th. Pres. E. E. Collins in the Chair.

Meeting opened with prayer and singing.

The Chair introduced Mr. F. W. Collins, Editor of the Paramount Issue, the state prohibition organ, who spoke on the liquor issue.

Rev. Barker gave the invitation for all the delegates to go in an auto trip to Pine Creek.

The Report of the Credentials was adopted showing a registration of twenty eight names, as follows: R. B. Smith, Pine Creek; C. L. Corkin, Joliet; F. M. Griffis, Twin Bridges; Mrs. Zora N. Wallace, Park City; Mrs. T. A. Goodnight, Park City; F. B. Reynolds, Billings; Mrs. M. G. Danskin, Glendive; E. H. Funk, Worden; Mrs. Mary E. Fritchie, Comanche; E. H. Fisher, Bozeman; Mrs. Alvia Coble, Townsend; P. H. Sherrard, Butte; Wm. Sigler, Anaconda; Mrs. Wilder Nutting, Big Timber; J. C. Borgers, Missoula; W. W. Pepper, Lat; A. B. Cherry, Sidney, Mont.; Mrs. H. M. Cooper, Drummond; Mrs. Carrie L. Thompson, Red Lodge; Mrs. J. H. Ogden, Fishtail; Mrs. A. E. Kiser, Forsyth; Mrs. C. S. Kezer, Fairview; E. E. Collins, Billings; Mrs. W. R. Wyatt, Phillipsburg; J. W. Whitfield, Livingston; Mrs. W. L. Cronk, Townsend; H. Grace Linfield, Bozeman; Margaret Y. Kanause, Townsend.

Mrs. Wilder Nutting read the report of the Resolution Committee, same was adopted, as follows:

Resolution No. 1.

We, the members of the Lay Association of the Methodist conference, now in session at Livingston, beg to submit the following resolutions:

Whereas, the great world curse is the traffic in intoxicating liquors, and

Whereas, the world is awakening to the knowledge of this fact, and

Whereas, ours is a land where the voice of the people rules, and

Whereas, this great question is before us as a nation whose influence is world wide in extent, and

Whereas, many of the states as units in this great nation have already outlined this nefarious traffic, including our adjoining sister states, and

Whereas, our Montana land is becoming the rendezvous of those who are thus made outlaws in this business filling our cities and hamlets with criminals and threatening every institution that is dear to our hearts and essential to our life, and

Whereas, we are now facing the opportunity of clearing our state of this awful curse at the polls in next November,

Be It Resolved, That we, representatives of the M. E. Church in Montana, do hereby solemnly and unequivocally declare ourselves before God and the world to stand for the state wide and nation wide and world wide prohibition of the liquor traffic and to this end we pledge ourselves as citizens of this great nation to do our utmost in supplica-

tion to the Almighty God and in entreaty with our fellow citizens and in the use of every God given power to vote Montana dry this coming state election.

Resolution No. 2.

We rejoice in the prosperity of our Montana Deaconess School at Helena, the only institution in Montana for a child from four to fourteen years of age. Our church and state are proud of their work. Be it therefore

Resolved: That we, the Laity of our Church stand by Miss Roxana Beck, the principal and her excellent corps of workers and the efficient Field Secretary, Rev. John Chirgwin.

Resolved: That we, as members of the Lay conference will gladly support the movement now on foot for the establishment of a School of the Prophets to be held at Helena for two weeks each summer as outlined by a recommendation of the pastors.

Resolution No. 3.

Whereas, realizing the great importance of Christian Hospitals, we desire to express our high appreciation of the work of the Bozeman Deaconess Hospital and pledge to this work not only our hearty sympathy but earnest support.

Resolution No. 4.

The needs of the Claimants of Montana Conference becomes year by year more pressing, the numerous and constant demands in construction work of our New West has to a large degree pushed aside the interests of the claimants, the conference needs a foundation fund that can grow with future years and to which interested people can make their contributions for augmentation. Be it resolved,

Therefore, that the Laymen's Association feature this need and further its interests with such encouragement as their great influence will be sure to lend;

Resolution No. 5.

Whereas, a great percent of the Sunday School is lost to the church unnecessarily, we earnestly recommend that the Sunday School work be more evangelical in its nature and that a special effort be put forth in the more adult classes to give the pupils some special work to the end that they may be held from drifting away from the Sunday School and churches.

Resolution No. 6.

Whereas, the prayer meeting is the spiritual thermometer of the church, therefore be it resolved,

That the laity of the church co-operate earnestly with each pastor in maintaining a mid week prayer meeting in every charge.

Resolution No. 7.

Resolved that the Pastor of each Pastoral charge nominate not more than three lay men to represent his church as local members of the conference Lay Association, with whom the conference and District Officers may communicate and enlist the local members in the literature and Benevolent Boards of the Conference.

Resolution No. 8.

Whereas, the laws of our church are not fully understood by many of our members, we earnestly recommend that each Methodist home provide itself with a discipline and study the same.

Resolution No. 9.

Whereas, the right kind of reading matter is necessary for the teacher, the artisan or the railroad man who desires to do efficient work, and

Whereas, the prayer meeting topic, the Epworth League subject, the clean and inspirational story and the religious news items are absolutely necessary to the home that would remain Methodist or even Christian, we pledge ourselves to co-operate with our pastors in a campaign to place a church paper in each and every home that is friendly to Methodism.

Resolution No. 10.

Resolved, that each minister in the conference be requested to report to the president of our association the name of the delegate and alternate at least two weeks before the annual conference meets.

Resolution No. 11.

Resolved that the Lay conference request the Secretary of the Montana Conference to embody the minutes of the Lay Conference in the minutes of the Ministerial conference, and it is requested that the pastors endeavor to have a large number of the conference minutes taken by their members.

We hereby extend our most cordial thanks to the Livingston Pastor and membership and the families who have entertained us in their homes and for everything that has been done for our comfort and happiness.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. WILDER NUTTING,

Chairman Resolution Committee,

J. C. BORGER,

A. L. SIGLER.

The following is the report of the Nominating Committee for officers for ensuing year, which was unanimously adopted:

President, E. E. Collins, Billings.

1st Vice-President, E. H. Fisher, Bozeman.

2nd Vice-President, J. C. Borger, Missoula.

Secretary, F. C. Kolb, Billings.

Treasurer, E. D. Elderkin, Butte.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. MARY E. FRITCHIE,

E. H. FUNK,

MRS. M. G. DANSKIN,

Committee.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned.

E. H. FISHER,

Secretary pro tem.

VII.—Reports.

A.—Superintendents.

YELLOWSTONE DISTRICT.

Bishop Cook and Brethren of Our Conference.

It was with considerable misgivings that a year ago under the appointment from Bishop McConnell we assumed charge of this great and growing district. A fuller knowledge of the scope of our task would have augmented our misgivings. The first necessity was to locate the charges geographically. We found them stretched along the Northern Pacific R. R. from Bozeman to Dakota, a distance of over four hundred miles, and along the branch lines on either side and in rural districts from Birney on the Tongue River to Sioux Pass on the Missouri, another distance of about three hundred miles. In this vast territory, a thousand square miles larger than the land area of Illinois, and larger than the combined land area of New York, New Jersey, and Delaware combined, we found twenty-six charges.

Superintendent Tait in his report last year set forth a detailed statement of each charge of the district beginning with Bozeman and ending with Sioux Pass. It seemed unnecessary since his complete survey is a matter of record in the printed minutes of last year that we should repeat what he has done so thoroughly and so well. We will therefore confine ourselves to the more general interests of the work touching only on the items of special interest in the several charges.

Health in the Parsonages.

While there has been some sickness in the parsonages the work has in no instance been seriously interrupted. There have been no deaths in the parsonages of the district. A number of future candidates for the presidency have arrived mostly however of the suffragette persuasion.

Changes in Appointments.

We found all the charges manned except the Red Water and the Bloomfield Circuits. For Bloomfield we secured M. B. Holloway of the Southern Illinois Conference. After a fairly successful year he decides to return to Illinois. For the Red River Circuit we secured Rev. T. L. McCutcheon, a retired minister from the Canadian Conference. He has done good work, showing greater zeal in extending his field than some younger men. Rev. Samuel Taylor relinquished the work at Baker to go to India. To fill the vacancy we secured Rev. H. J. Bamford of the Northwest Kansas Conference. Brother Bamford yielded to the lure of the commercial world and Baker was again vacant. The official board decided that two preachers in one year was sufficient and that they would wait till conference to try the third. At Easter time Brother Edworthy left his work at Hardin and accepted work for the Congregationalists at Plains where he had formerly preached in the Methodist Church. He has surrendered his papers

and withdrawn from our ministry and church. Hardin has been supplied by Conference evangelist Kelley. Brother S. F. Langdel, becoming convinced that his services were no longer desired at Sioux Pass resigned in the winter and went east. Sioux Pass has been supplied by Brother Armstrong of Culbertson in the North Montana Conference. Brother Earl J. Smith at Comanche found the income of a Methodist preacher insufficient for his needs and left his pulpit to sell farmers loan shares to the people to whom he formerly preached. The charge does not seem to have suffered greatly. The pastor left with no benevolences raised and a debt of about three hundred dollars on the property. The work has gone on without a pastor. All benevolences have been raised in full and the debt has been raised in full. The lay delegate from this charge, Mrs. Mary Fritchie, is here with one of the best reports brought to the conference.

Building and Improvements.

On the way to Conference a year ago a number of the preachers stopped over at Billings to attend the laying of the cornerstone at the New Billings Church. The new addition is completed at a cost of about eighteen thousand dollars. The enterprise was carried through from beginning to end in such a splendid and wholesome manner that the whole church was inspired and enthused. The accomplishments and the outlook of the Billings church is truly marvelous.

The Miles City project has moved rapidly and surely toward completion under the constant and determined efforts of Pastor Martin. He and his people have stood up nobly under a heavy load. They deserve the encouragement and material assistance of the church. While there is a great task remaining before the victory is complete the people are determined and optimistic and that is four-fifths of the battle.

Glendive under the masterful management of Brother W. B. Bliss has emerged from their period of testing with a magnificent new parsonage free from debt and the debt on the church in manageable form.

Baker, in spite of their difficulties have finished a modern parsonage. Hardin despite the change of pastors in midyear has well under way a basement to cost equipped about forty-five hundred dollars. This is the first unit of a plant when completed is calculated to meet the requirements of this progressive new county seat. Comanche has built and furnished a new four room parsonage. Wheatley society on the Huntley circuit bought a schoolhouse, moved it and converted it into a very neat little church and dedicated it last Sunday week without debt. A new church is nearing completion at Hibbard. The church at Roberts on the Joliet circuit has been completed and is one of the neatest little churches on the district. At Ashland on the Birney circuit and Carlyle on the Preston Circuit there are new building projects under way. At Wilsal the Congregational church has been purchased and extensively repaired. The church at Reeds point has been improved by the addition of a new tower. There have been many other improvement projects of lesser importance throughout the

District. Two fires have occurred on the district. One at Big Timber causing a damage of nearly a hundred dollars. Damage was covered by insurance and repairs have been made. The pastors library however was destroyed and was not insured. The other fire was at Salesville. This damage was about four hundred dollars and was covered by insurance. The adjustment has been made but no repairs have yet been done. We no longer use this church. The Christian denomination is the only one working there and they desire to purchase our property. I recommend the sale.

NEW WORK.

On assuming charge of the district we found the sum of fifty dollars at the disposal of the Superintendent for new work. We could have wisely used a thousand. Our activity along this line of necessity consist mostly in plans for the future. With no funds and the task of familiarizing myself with the work already organized rendered much accomplishment in extension work impossible. Urgent requests have come from many sources. Valuable information and assistance have been rendered by our S. S. missionary Rev. C. E. Fenton. Tangible results and plans are as follows:—A new circuit is planned along the Milwaukee northwest of Forsyth, including Ingomar, where the Congregationalists have been working for several years but have surrendered the field in our favor because of the great predominance of Methodist people, with Hibbard where a new church is nearing completion, with Sumatra and Bascom and Edwards. Brother Fulford while doing a splendid years work at Forsyth has looked after the interests of the above named points preparing them for a resident pastor. North of Miles City about twenty miles at the Hill Crest school house the teacher of the school, a local preacher in our church, has been preaching all year with good results. Other points in the vicinity are calling for his services and with a small appropriation of missionary funds a circuit that promises well may be established. In the extreme south eastern corner of the state a long distance from any other work there comes an urgent call for services. Rev. Faith who formerly preached in our conference has a homestead in the vicinity and with a little help agrees to establish and conduct regular services. Our plans for the coming year contemplates these three new enterprises if funds can be secured by some of the charges relinquishing a part of the funds they now receive as that is the only source of funds for the work. Beside these specific cases new preaching points to the number of about eighteen have been opened by our pastors and continued with more or less regularity.

EVANGELISM.

Rev. F. O. Kelly has been Conference Evangelist for the past year and has rendered valuable service at many points. While most of his meetings have been held in the North Montana Conference and on the Butte District of this Conference, his residence is in the Yellowstone District and his pastoral work was here, so we feel that he belongs to us. He and his good wife seem splendidly fitted for this work.

and they make a good team. They feel that it is their work and desire to be continued.

In this connection I desire to refer to what appeals to me as a dangerous practice becoming all too prevalent. It is what I shall call peripatetic or tramp evangelists. Individuals calling themselves evangelists going through the country holding meetings. The Yellowstone District has been visited by a number of them this year. Some of our folks have taken up with them and have been left sadder and wiser. While we should not claim any monopoly on the Gospel, it is dangerous business to subject the interests of the Kingdom under our care to unaccredited or only self-accredited evangelists. They should be requested to pass on and our own accredited and commissioned evangelists used.

INSTITUTIONS.

The only institution within the bounds of our District is the Deaconess Hospital at Bozeman. The only embarrassment connected with this institution is that arising from its great success. Briefly stated that embarrassment is the immediate necessity of a new building to cost not less than Sixty thousand dollars. This building is absolutely necessary at once if we are to care for the growing patronage and continue to control the hospital situation of the Gallatin Valley. The details of the work of the hospital will be presented by a representative of the institution. When one knows of the uniform financial success, attained, and the unbounded appreciation received, by our deaconess hospitals it is no occasion of surprise that almost every important city in the state is asking for a deaconess hospital. Would that we could respond to all the calls. What an opportunity for Christian service. What a boon to Methodism. The Montana Wesleyan, our most vital interest, and the Deaconess school are both in the bounds of the Butte District and will receive due treatment by the Superintendent of that district.

IN GENERAL.

I am continually seeing the evidence of splendid work done by my predecessors. The work has suffered from too frequent changes in the superintendency. To have four different superintendents in five years could not but be detrimental to the organization and progress of the work. The past quadrennium has shown an unpleasant decline in the statistics and benevolences. We believe that this decline is the result of no essential difficulties but rather that a continuous constructive policy will result in rapid and permanent progress. It must be so. The country is growing in population with tremendous rapidity. While many of the people are not especially religiously inclined they are just folks and are not void of religious interests. The most encouraging factor in the outlook is the unusual religious activity among the young people. A study of the statistics of recent years will show that while in many points the work has suffered decline the work

especially related to the young people and conducted by them has made steady advance. With all due respect to our pastors we need stronger leadership in our pulpits. It is easier to scold the people for not doing things than it is to lead them in doing. It is easier to complain of the lack of interest than it is to inspire to greater interest. While we all agree that the work in Montana is hard we yet believe that to the right kind of leadership and service there is a response that for candor and wholesomeness is not surprised anywhere. Outstanding examples in Montana verify the assertion. We believe that the New Financial Plan or the every member canvass and the Methodist Forward Movement or Personal Evangelism constitute a program especially to the needs of our work. The Laymens Missionary Convention gave us a great impetus in this line and we have been urging this as the program of the churches wherever we have gone. Our program is the Every Member Canvass and the Methodist Forward movement in every charge.

STATEWIDE INTERESTS.

So fully have we been engrossed in the task of our own district that we have given little time to the thought of our conference or state wide problems. We fully endorse however the recommendations of our colleague who has had greater experience and wider knowledge. Especially do we endorse his recommendations looking toward the establishing of a state wide church policy, clearly defined and universally supported. We also recognize the necessity of establishing an episcopal parsonage at Helena.

IN CONCLUSION.

This has been the busiest and in many ways the most interesting year of my life. I have enjoyed the best health of my life. I am grateful to God for His presence and help. I appreciate the uniform courtesy and kindness of the parsonage folks in their efforts to make pleasant and comfortable the life of a traveller. I acknowledge the fullest co-operation of a patient and faithful wife who has uncomplainingly sacrificed privileges and pleasures by having to remain at home alone with the family of small children. There is but one adequate compensation for what the life of a District Superintendent on such a district as the Yellowstone District costs, and that is the consciousness of rendering a worth while service for ones fellow-men, for the church, and for Him who set no bounds to what he would do for us.

JESSE LACKLEN.

BUTTE DISTRICT.**GREETING.**

Dear Bishop, Brethren and all Fellow-laborers:—The responsibility of my present task—rendering an account—grows no less upon me. Six times now I have been before you in performance of this duty. Divine mercies have been unfailing. This I thankfully recognise. Divine Wisdom I have increasingly needed. A full measure of which together with your own forbearance, I devoutly implore. I covet the ability to condense into brief expression the year's achievements; to point out the resulting conditions and to suggest some future plans that might be followed advantageously.

THE FIELD.

The district in a general way, is known to this conference. Our conditions are incidental to a developing country with the diversity of interests obtaining in Butte District territory. A large portion of the population is transient. This unsettled class, with many beside have become painfully indifferent to religious interests. Our work is well planted in most of the central positions. The problem of remote regions still confronts us. We recognize the duty of the church to all regions. Her supernatural powers can be claimed in Montana as else where only at the price of heroic sacrifice. Our measure of this is our measure of success. Declining mining camps have caused some of our points to go into proportionate decline. Some places are suffering decline in religious work that should flourish. Interest has quickened very perceptibly on some fields which formerly showed symptoms of stagnation. The field is more needy than ever of a liberal hand from the Home Mission funds. Two old fields, Upper Beaver Head nad Big Blackfoot valleys should be reopened as centers of large and growing regions.

THE WORKERS.

Butte District is manned by workers of heroic mold. They readily take their place—in the lead—in religious and in reform measures. When Montana unfolds her white banner of temperance state wide, for unfurl it she will, the Methodist Preachers of Butte District will have written a large chapter in the war for the "Great Common Destroyer's" overthrow.

Our workers are living, for msot part, in reasonably comfortable parsonages. By "Fording" it over water and dry land alike many of them greatly extend their sphere of influence. In a number of instances salary should increase to meet the demands of modern day living.

Our workrs have enjoyed unusual health. No deaths are recorded. Births have occurred in Meadow Creek and Walkerville parsonages. A few parsonages have experienced broken health on part of some member; Hamilton, the pastor; St. Ignatius, the pastor; Anaconda, the pastor's wife; Grace, Butte, the pastor's wife; Stevensville, the

pastor's wife; Drummond, St. Paul's, and the Italian Mission the parsonage children.

Broken health took the Superintendent off the field a few weeks in early spring. A close touch was kept by correspondence. The brethren gave kindly help. I thank them.

STATISTICS.

If I am not misled statistics will show a very substantial increase this year in both membership and benevolences.

EVANGELISTIC WORK.

Most charges have observed special revival seasons. Conference evangelist, F. O. Kelley, assisted by Mrs. Kelley, did gratifying work at several charges. Their labor is much needed on other points not yet reached by them. Our Sunday School missionary, C. E. Fenton, made two visits to Butte District with good results. Some regions still call loudly for his services.

Our Butte churches in common with other Protestant organizations in the city had several weeks tabernacle campaign in early spring under the Dr. E. J. Bulgin force. The city had a thrill and so did the campaign leaders.

INSPIRATIONAL GATHERINGS.

On Dec. 14 the brethren of the district enjoyed a very delightful and highly profitable get-together meeting in Mountain View church, Butte. The meeting gave new impulse to all present. Many will look to this time with fond memory of last meeting with good Bishop Luccock.

One of the series of Laymen's Missionary Conventions was held in Butte Feb. 2-6. The convention management fell down on preliminary campaign. Distance precluded the desired general attendance from points outside of Butte. The weather was most unfavorable. The convention however, was a great occasion for those who did attend, and for the local forces of Butte, who on their part failed in no point of preparation and care for the convention. We held a district meeting in Butte with a well sustained program just prior to and in reality a part of the convention.

FINANCIAL.

On Butte district are some of the older charges of the conference. Several of these had fallen into a stagnant condition. Organization had become weak, and were clamorous for missionary funds to supplement pastoral salary those located in old and prosperous sections. The so-called New Financial plan and every member and constituency canvass coupled with a forward evangelistic effort looked to us like the way to relief. I went personally on the canvass at three points. The effort brought encouraging returns. I wish to fully impress that the best results in this plan are impossible without careful preliminary work. But for this lack the work above mentioned

would have been very much more gratifying. A great deal of this work remains to be done on Butte district. If skillfully planned and zealously executed it will bring stagnant work to life and vigor. It is not a question of resources but of getting to the resources.

Local co-operation in this plan should make possible good pastoral charges at White Sulphur, Lima, Big Blackfoot, Butte missions, Carlton and Huron. These are dormant fields which if revived would bring six new men to the district.

DEDICATIONS.

The work opened auspiciously after last conference session: in truth a noteworthy occurrence took place during the session of a year ago in the dedication of Unity church in the Meaderville section of Butte. Bishop J. F. McConnell, president of last conference, several former Unity pastors and other brethren including loyal local officials participated in this happy event only a few hours before Conference adjourned, hence mention of the same is timely in this report. It was a happy culmination of at least a decade of heroic sacrifice and endeavor; Rev. W. H. Pascoe assisted of course by his wife was the guiding genius at the finish. The charge was so fortunate as to retain their services during the past year with such results as new pews and general improvements. A much needed parsonage is the next task awaiting this heroic congregation.

Continuing dedication mentionings, Oct. 3 marked a day of triumph at Ennis on Meadowcreek circuit. Rev. E. D. Swisher, his wife, the architect, achieved a very fine result in church building. President C. L. Bovard, D.D., S. A. Oliver together with the pastor, the Superintendent and the people enjoyed a blessed dedication day. But four days after the event a son was born to the Swishers. His name should have been Ennis. May he become a great church extensionist. His mother, Sister Swisher, should be made Conference Architect. Again at Alberton Nov. 14 on the Superior and Alberton circuit we dedicated a commodious new edifice. This was the second triumph on this circuit of the pastor, R. A. Smith. Under his incessant toil the Isabella A. Reeves memorial was dedicated last year at Superior. Considerable work of the nature of these dedications should be immediately achieved at a number of other points throughout the district.

NEW WORK.

A church is in process of erection at White Pine on the Thompson Falls circuit. E. E. Dodds pastor. Others on the same field is needed. At Trout Creek on this circuit is a church that had long been in disuse. It was reopened for service in June, and has since become in demand for the school needs of the community. A movement is on to complete the Church at Radersburg on the old basement foundation of years standing. There will be immediate demand for a parsonage at Ovando and the completion of the parsonage at Superi-

or. Unity in the Meaderville section of Butte must provide a paronage soon. The Italian Mission in Meaderville must have a church of its own.

CHARGES AND CHANGES.

Townsend had a pastoral change Mar. 1. R. M. Craven, a retired Caleb of North Montana conference was supplying here most acceptably. An exchange was made whereby Godfrey Kopriva of Belt, North Montana conference, came to Townsend and Brother Craven went to Belt. The plan has worked out with good success. Townsend is moving forward with encouraging strides.

Also in March C. R. Carlin, pastor of Mt. Bethel in Walkerville, or North Butte, was relieved of the Wesley Chapel section of the field. Mt. Bethel became an independent pastoral charge with all activities greatly invigorated. Very soon after this readjustment a son was born to the Carlins at the Mount Bethel parsonage.

Wesley Chapel with some oversight from J. A. Mitchell of Grace church has been cared for by our willing local preachers of Butte.

R. A. Smith relinquished Superior May 22. We refer his case to the Conference relations Committee. Prof. A. C. Hoover finished the year on this charge with success.

LOCAL PREACHERS AND STUDENTS.

Here is a good place to express appreciation of the good work done by our force of ready local preachers in Butte and at other points. By their aid in Butte Wesley and Silver Bow Park have had regular services that otherwise could not have been given.

Likewise must I pay worthy tribute to our fine young student pastors of Montana Wesleyan. They do an excellent work on student charges and in the school. They are of themselves an irrefutable demand for the Wesleyan.

INSTITUTIONS.

Helena is the home of our two schools. We report the Deaconess school on the high way to success and great usefulness. Nothing more could be required of the local workers than has been done. The field worker John Chirgwin, a member of Montana conference, has contributed no small part to the financial and general success of this fine institution.

The Wesleyan has reached a most critical period. Our very serious and zealous efforts must concentrate here. Any steps that can be taken by Montana Methodism to focus attention and interest on this institution is not only worth while but very imperative. More specific recommendations will be heard in the report of President C. L. Boyard.

Our metropolis, Butte, is in serious mood and work for a Deaconess Hospital. In late July a campaign for funds was begun under mangement of J. H. Mitchell, our Grace church pastor. The effort is being continued at this present time. One hundred thousand is the goal. A near approach to one half the amount has been reached.

IMPROVEMENTS AND LIQUIDATIONS.

This has been a gratifying year on improvements and debt paying. Thompson Falls church and parsonage was painted and generally improved. Anaconda has rejuvenated property throughout. Drummond has acquired additional ground and reshaped buildings. Grace has paid off parsonage debt and otherwise improved to exceed \$2000.00. Trinity parsonage has been enlarged and modernized. Unity has installed five pews. Italian Mission has purchased residence for the missionary. St. Paul has installed a new pipe organ. Meadow creek has altered parsonage for greater convenience. Philipsburg has improved parsonage. Missoula has made substantial gain on building debt. Clancy has ridded off a portion parsonage purchase debt. Marysville has paid property improvement debt. St. Ignatius has paid building debt. Whitehall has purchased a piano.

Details in amounts will appear in statistical tables.

COMMUNITY AND FEDERATED CHURCH MOVEMENTS.

Some embarrassment has attended our work at Plains. A community church agitation brought on an unsettled state for several months of the year. We see danger of this idea becoming a fad. We might conceive of conditions where such would be desirable and advantageous, but without a consolidated community spirit. The mere mechanism of consolidation will work with friction. Investigation at Plains brought clearly to light that our people were not unanimous. Though the agitation unsettled affairs for a season. My statement is without bias that efforts on Butte district at community church has not commended the plan. By the nature of things the pulpit of the consolidated church has no liberty in emphasis of definite principles. Administrative problems become a distracting complication.

At Stevensville the local congregations of the Methodist Episcopal Church South and our own agreed to a federation compact. Its intricacies led me to advise that we abide the good time when from authoritative sources we can follow our church leadership of both bodies into the coming unity.

Our late general conference did constructive work in this direction. Methodist unity in pure purpose has had and will have my enthusiastic encouragement.

AUXILIARIES.

The Sunday School work over the district is in general strong and aggressive. The schools are becoming better organized and have promise of good results in future. The work of the Epworth League could well take on vast improvement.

The Ladies' Aid in the aggregate do a vast work in improvements and financing. On many charges this organization has become the general finance committee. The work they do is appreciated but the policy is not a wise one for a local church. Too many people escape the responsibility they need for spiritual health.

The Woman's Foreign and Woman's Home Missionary organizations are organized in too few places. The home society will do some good work for local needs.

Our monthly publication, the Messenger does us great service in promoting institutions and establishing a fellow feeling in its news items. It should have enthusiastic endorsement by all pastors and lay members, not as a substitute for any Advocate but for a benefit no Advocate can give.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

The members of conference friendly to the Three Forks situation will do well to continue their good will and sign up the \$1000.00 note for another year.

The retention of the Episcopal Residence at Helena is impressing us with permanency of the plan. The standing committee on this matter might well consider steps for procuring a suitable house for our resident Bishop. Our present leader, Bishop Cooke, would have found such a house a very great convenience.

Our published minutes might include a table with each preaching place given under the name of the charge.

Another table might include name and address of Local preachers.

We suggest a standing committee to duly consider and help apportion our missionary appropriations to the several charges.

We might adopt a resolution rebuking the betting tendency on games at High school state tournaments and Field meets. We might take action giving sanction to Country Church Week at Bozeman State college. It is a worth while movement. This conference should give now emphasis and new impulse to the temperance issue making possible for Montana voters to secure our freedom from the legalized rum curse. This action should be more emphatic than the usual formal committee resolution.

In view of the General Conference enabling act on boundaries affecting conferences in Montana it would be well for each conference to form a standing committee on boundaries to report at each annual session till some conclusion is reached.

Under pressure of other demands Montana Conference has too long neglected definite steps in providing a foundation for conference claimants. This neglect has run to the point of danger. Decisive steps should be immediately taken.

The Italian Mission in Butte should have very careful consideration at the hands of the Conference board of Home Missions and Church extension.

IN CONCLUSION.

We have just completed our first quadrennium under the episcopal area plan, devised by the general conference of 1912. Real history was made when our Montana delegations secured an Episcopal residence in Helena. No happier arrangement was possible than the assignment of Bishop Napthali Luccock to this Area. A resident bishop was so rare, so novel to our north-west we all waited with eager

expectation for the personal touch with our leaders. Our hopes were soon realized as he brought into our midst not only a striking personality, original and vigorous, but a faith and vision to match it; all so perfectly adjustable to our needs and adaptable to our great West. We can hear him saying yet with the enthusiasm that begets conviction and confidence "What ought to be done can be done. We are the people to do it and by the grace of God we will." The outstanding feature of this report is the record of the death of our leader on April 1, 1916. The funeral at St. Louis April 4 was an assemblage of the leadership of our own church and others from the central West. I am impressed that the time is at hand in which it will be eminently proper for our conference to take definite steps for founding in some part of our institutional work a suitable pioneer memorial, building or fund in memory of our worthy fathers, Bishop Luccock a central figure. Montana Wesleyan offers the opportunity. This session of conference would do wisely to adjust a commission with this work in view. At the funeral of our departed Bishop I gathered some reflection of sentiment from friends concerning this matter. It is my judgment that the movement would meet with general approval and liberal response. His immediate family do not consent to his name being used or attached to a building or fund. They do however approve of the pioneer memorial idea.

Allusion to our Episcopal adjustment prompts me to observe that the gratitude and appreciation of this conference is due our Montana delegations whose heroic efforts at the recent General conference resulted in the continuance of the Helena area and residence against many sharp and persistent competitors. In view of this fact we earnestly recommend the continuance of our committee on episcopal residence.

A welcome of the big heart of the big west in it is extended to our new leader, Bishop R. J. Cooke. He is a happier man than he now knows. His is the top, yes the crown of the continent. The church has literally exalted him to a high position. He comes to a band of men who are as true of heart and large of purpose as the great glorious mountains that challenge and inspire us.

I venture a daring word as follows:—Let Methodism be one conference in the state of Montana.

Let some existing committee or commission to be composed, together with Bishop Cooke make a careful survey of Montana conditions and needs. Then submit a report of certain principles or polity to constitute our future program.

The state can now be traversed north and south as well as east and west. Our hit and miss policy of the past will not answer for the future. Our institutions, conference claimant needs, boundaries and other interests need a program that can be considered in committee of the whole adopted and followed.

B.—Standing Committees and Boards.

EDUCATION AND MONTANA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

We re-affirm our allegations to the Board of Education of our church. We endorse her general policies and express our gratitude for the many favors we have received at her hands.

We desire especially to commend to our pastors and churches the Children's Day Fund and pledge anew our loyalty to it. We urge upon our pastors the faithful observance of the regularly appointed day in June as Children's Day and that all moneys received in connection with such service be forwarded promptly to the treasurer of the Board of Education.

We endorse the management of the school and recommend the appointment of Paul M. Adams Vice-President for the ensuing conference year; we also recommend that the last Sunday in October be set apart as University Day, at which time a collection shall be taken and forwarded to the school.

We recommend the election of R. P. Smith (place of J. W. Tait) and Edw. Laird Mills to succeed himself to fill the vacancies in the Board of Trustees resulting from the expired terms of two members of the Board.

CONFERENCE POLICY TOUCHING OUR SCHOOL.

We recognize the present moment as in a vital sense crisis in our policy for the Montana Wesleyan University. We are face to face with several problems that will tax our wisdom and consecration to their utmost. To enumerate these briefly: (1) Our Endowment Funds are growing very slowly in spite of the many and repeated efforts we have made to increase them. (2) Student-getting is hindered by circumstances that must be faced at once if we are to hold our position educationally in this rapidly growing state. Concentrating our thought upon these two general problems, we present for your consideration the following:

Whereas, (1) It appears from reports of the President that the campaign for endowment is greatly hindered by the lack of our school not being placed upon a full college basis—the interest in the school not being felt out among men of means for the reason that we do not count for enough educationally among our rapidly growing competitors—and Whereas (2) It is equally apparent that in our appeal for students the fact that we have not been able to offer a full college course, has shut us up to a very limited class of our fine young men and women in the state, and has greatly hampered our pastors in their work for students, thus limiting our enrollment both in number and grade of scholarship, and Whereas, (3) although we are fully conversant with the requirements of our University Senate, and consider them in general as wise, we do not deem them impossible of exception—inapplicable to certain frontier conditions—indeed finding them not without provision for just such exigencies—,

Therefore be it Resolved that we recommend to the Board of Trustees of the Montana Wesleyan University the following course

of action or policy for our school:—

(1) That it shall take steps at its September meeting for inaugurating and advertising full college work—courses of study equivalent to the University Senate's requirement for colleges—providing, (a) that it shall appear reasonable to expect such income as shall guaranty against deficit, and (b) that the University Senate shall make such concessions as shall permit us so to do without jeopardizing our standing among Methodist colleges.

(2) That the determination of policy requiring that the emphasis be placed upon the School side of our Educational program, will call for a readjustment in the administration of the School. The field work will be greatly reduced, and will take another direction. The requirements for teaching force will be greatly increased. The matters of Endowment, pending or arising can be taken care of largely from the Office. In view of these things, and others not enumerated, we recommend that the appointments of President for the ensuing year shall have regard to these vital considerations. Under this adjustment, we renew the pledge of last year as to the sustentation fund, agreeing to and pledging an amount equal to 8% of our cash salaries for this fund. We furthermore agree to a hearty cooperation with the school administration in securing students and equipment for the school. We promise to comply with the Bishop's request to forward to him a list of our parishioners for the use of the school and the Bishop in a better method of getting our facts before our constituency.

(3) We recommend further that the Board take such steps as shall be necessary to so amend our Charter that our name and title may be The Montana Wesleyan College instead of Montana Wesleyan University, as at present.

(4). We recommend the idea of a Pioneer Memorial Movement for some department of the school to the favorable consideration of the Board.

SCHOOL OF THE PROPHETS FROM REPORT ON EDUCATION.

We recommend to the Trustees of the Montana Wesleyan University that a "School of the prophets" be held for two weeks at Helena Hall during the summer vacation in 1917, for the careful study of methods and theology.

A committee consisting of the President of Montana Wesleyan, Chairman, Vice-President, District Superintendents of Montana and North Montana Conferences, and one minister from each district of the State to be appointed by Superintendent of the District, to have complete management of the school and arrangement of the course of study. The District Superintendents to urge the charges to pay the Railroad fare of the ministers to the School. The examination of undergraduates to be given at the School.

KIMBALL COLLEGE OF THEOLOGY.

This Institution located at Salem, Oregon, is the only School in the Northwest, under the patronage of our Church, that is wholly de-

voted to the training of men for the Christian ministry. It has the formal recognition of the Board of Bishops, and of the Board of Education; so that it is firmly established as the Church's School of Theology of the Northwest. We are gratified to learn of the wide field of usefulness opening to this "School of the Prophets."

We endorse the movement looking to the adequate endowment of the School.

We endorse its work, and commend it to the favorable consideration of our ministers who may desire further preparation for their high calling, and of young men entering the ministry. We recommend the re-election of Rev. George W. Wolfe, D.D., as Trustee and the election of Prof. Davee as Trustee, also the election of Rev. Geo. D. Wolfe as Conference Visitor.

GEO. D. WOLFE.

REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE STEWARDS TO THE BOARD OF CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.

Receipts.

Book Concern Dividend.....	\$ 860.00
Part of Support of Conference Claimants—Amount Determined by the Conference.....	637.00
Gifts or Bequests for Immediate Annuity Distribution, J. C. Rose.....	34.48

Total Amount for Distribution as Annuities, Based on Service	\$1531.48
Average Salary received by them (Not including house rent)	\$1,000.00
Legal Rate for each year of "Effective" service (1-70 of the Average Salary).....	14.00
Total years of service, 349 years.	
Total of Annuity Claims, figured at this Rate: \$14.00 per year times 349 years.....	\$4,886.00
Rate Paid this year, \$467 per year, or 30% of the Legal Rate.	
Total Amount paid this year as Annuities based on Service	\$1,531.00

Annuity Claims Voluntarily Surrendered.

Rev. Jacob Mills.	
George D. King.....	\$ 375.00
S. A. Oliver, in part.....	398.00
Mrs Isia B. Miller.....	84.00

Annual Conference Necessitous Distribution Based on Need.

Receipts:

Connectional Relief Dividend of the Board of Conference Claimants	\$ 100.00
Part of the Support of Conference Claimants—Amount Determined by the Conference.....	992.00
Total Amount Available for Necessitous Distribution.....	\$1,092.00

Total Amount Available for Annuity Distribution..... 1,531.48

Grand Total Available for Distribution.....\$2,623.48

Apportionment for the next Conference Year, 1917.

Amount necessary to pay Full Legal Annuity Claims.....\$4,886.00

Estimated additional amount required for Necessitous Cases.... 1,000.00

Grand Total—Amount required to meet all Claims in Full.....\$5,886.00

To be deducted:

Dividend from Book Concern.....\$860.00

Dividend from Connectional Relief..... 100.00

Income from Preachers' Aid Society, or other
local organization 34.48

\$994.48— 994.00

Remainder—Amount to be raised by the Pastoral Charges in
order to Pay the Full Claim.....\$4,807.00

Add Five Per Cent for "Conference Percentages" \$85.

Total Amount to be raised by the Pastoral Charges in order
to meet All Claims in Full.....\$4,807.00

Apportionment for the Support of Conference Claimants as
finally approved by the Conference.....\$4807.00

DISTRIBUTION TO PREACHERS.

Name and P. O. Address	Years Counted	Annuity Claim	Annuity Paid	Allowed from the Necessitous Fund	Total Amount Paid
A. P. Morrisson.....	45	\$ 630	\$ 270	\$.....	\$ 270
John Hosking	24	336	144	86	230
Andrew Kershaw	30	420	180		180
James W. Tait.....	27	378	162	260	422
Samuel E. Snyder.....	22	308	132	90	222
Samuel A. Oliver.....	32	448	50		50
J. A. Badcon	25	350	150		150
George D. King.....	25	375			
Jacob Mills.....					
Total Paid to Retired Ministers,	230	3245	1088	436	1524
Total Paid to Widows..	101	1414	429	475	905
Total Paid to Orphans	18	252	108	86	194
Grand Total Disb'sm'ts	349	\$ 4911	\$ 1625	\$ 997	\$ 2623

DISTRIBUTION TO WIDOWS.

Name and P. O. Address	Husband's Effective Service.....	Widow's Years Allowed.....	Total Annuity Claim.....	Annuity Paid.....	Special Allowance.....	Total Amount Paid.....
Cordelia Lowry.....	14	11	\$ 154	\$ 52	\$ 67	\$ 120
Mrs. A. D. Raleigh.....	23	18	252	81	260	341
Mrs. C. Ware.....	33	24	336	108	50	158
Mrs. Ida Hall.....	9	6	84	27	53	90
Mrs. Allen Rodger.....	11	9	126	40	35	75
Mrs. L. H. Mickel.....	16	12	168	54	.....	54
Mrs. C. P. Adams.....	20	15	210	67	.....	67
Mrs. Isia B. Miller.....	8	6	84	.....	.....	.....
Total Paid to Widows.....	134	101	\$1414	\$ 429	\$ 475	\$ 905

ANNUAL CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUNDS, ENDOWMENTS, etc

Full Legal Name, Montana Annual Conference.

How Managed—Board of Trustees.

Conditions of Membership—Annual Conference.

Basis of Distribution—Accrued Interest.

By Whom Distributed—Board of Stewards.

Amount of Invested Funds,—\$2,000.

Kind of Investment—Loan on approved security.

OFFICERS:

President, S. A. Oliver; P. O. McAllister.

Secretary, E. D. Fisher; P. O. Bozeman.

Treasurer, Jacob Mills; P. O. Helena.

BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION.

The help rendered by the Church through the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension to the work in Montana is greatly appreciated. Its Continuance or enlargement is an indispensable necessity if we are to meet the growing demands of an ever growing population for pastors and churches.

The opportunities for new work on our limited appropriations makes it in our judgment imperative that a readjustment of the home missionary money to the conferences be had at once, or that the older charges that have for many years been receiving missionary money come to self support at once.

We desire to record our great pleasure and profit in the visit of Dr. Kynett to this session of the conference and will, heartily welcome his return.

We believe that it would be to the advantage of the church at large if the department on Frontier Work would make an investigation of the work in Montana.

We note with pleasure the advancement of the Italian work of Butte in the securing of sufficient ground for parsonage and church.

We would place on record our hearty appreciation of the work of the business men, who have given generously out of their busy life time for this important work, being present at every meeting of the board throughout the year.

It is the unanimous opinion of the board that in making application for donations or loans, those seeking assistance would send plans for proposed buildings. By so doing they would greatly facilitate the work of the board and advance their own interests.

Received during the year:

For Home Missions.....	\$8,000.00
From Church Extension, By Donation—	
To Alberton.....	250.00
To Ennis	250.00
To Baker	250.00
To Wilsall	500.00
Anna Bridges Memorial, Roberts.....	250.00
To White Pine	250.00
To Fairview	250.00
To Wheatley	100.00
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	\$2,100.00

CONFERENCE RECOMMENDATIONS

To the General Committee of Home Missions and Church Extension convening November, 191.....

We, the members of the Montana Annual Conference, with the approval of the Presiding Bishop and District Superintendents, and on condition that the Apportionments to this Conference for Home Missions and Church Extension be fully raised, recommend for the calendar year 1916-17 the following amounts for Home Missions, City Work and Church Extension:

***HOME MISSIONS:**

(a) Amount needed for English-speaking People.....	\$ 9,200.00
(b) Amount needed for Foreign-speaking People:	
Italian Mission.....	\$1,000.00
Total for Foreign-speaking People.....	1,000.00
Total for Home Missions.....	\$10,200.00

***CITIES:**

Amount needed for Cities of the First Class:	
For church for Italians in Butte.....	\$500.00
Total for Cities.....	500.00

***CHURCH EXTENSION:**

Amount needed for Church Extension.....	4,000.00
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SUMMARY:

1—Appropriation for Home Missions.....	\$10,200.00
2—Appropriation for Cities of First Class.....	500.00
3—Authorization for Church Extension.....	4,000.00
Total Recommendations.....	\$14,700.00

The Montana Annual Conference has, in accordance with the direction of the General Committee, established \$1,000.00 as the limit of salary, beyond which no Missionary Appropriation within its bounds will be given, and requests the ratification of this action by the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension.

RICHARD J. COOKE,

Presiding Bishop.

PAUL M. ADAMS,

Secretary of Montana Annual Conference.

Date, August 19, 1916.

EPWORTH LEAGUES.

We heartily appreciate the work that is being done by the Epworth League and note with pleasure the increase in membership and chapters in the state.

We endorse the action of the State cabinet in urging study classes as recommended by the parent Board. Whenever such classes have been introduced they have proved very beneficial to the league and will mean much to the church of the future.

We especially recommend at this time that temperance classes be introduced into every chapter and that our pastors seek to enlist all of our young people in the fight to make Montana dry.

We urge more loyal support to our young people in their devotional meetings and a more intense interest in all their activities.

We urge our pastors to heed the injunction of the discipline, by organizing and maintaining Epworth League Chapters wherever practical and to impress upon their leaguers the relationship they should sustain toward the church and Sunday school, thereby engendering a more united effort and accomplishing a greater work.

JOHN G. ROSS,

R. C. EDGINGTON,

CHAS. M. RHODES.

FREEDMEN'S AID SOCIETY.

The work of this Society began in the South-land December 25, 1865. Its permanent organization was effected August 7-8, 1866, consequently this year marks its semi-centennial anniversary.

Recognizing the great work it has accomplished for the colored people during the past fifty years, we heartily endorse the effort to raise \$100.00 as a special thank-offering independent of the regular apportionment. The colored people are planning to raise a similar amount among themselves.

We trust that all our pastors will feel the importance of this great work and encourage our people to give liberally to this most worthy cause.

W. B. BLISS,
F. C. FULFORD,
T. H. BARKER.

REPORT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

In accordance with Par. 463 of the discipline we submit the following report.

We find 119 Sunday schools in connection with the regular charges and eight that have not been reported not being connected with any pastoral charge, a total of 127. There is a total enrollment of 11,750. The conference missionary has organized and re-organized 22 schools in the two years he has been on the field. 19 of these are still running and of this number 17 are or will be during this coming year regular preaching places.

We would urge the pastors to lay more stress on Sunday school work.

We recommend that schools that our pastors are supplying that are not using the literature of our church be urged to do so. Surely if our church is willing to supply them with preaching they should be willing to patronize our book concern. We wish to urge our Sunday school board to give our conference every consideration possible.

GEO. MECKLENBURG, Pres.,
C. E. FENTON Sec.

REPORT OF THE TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE.

We, your committee, would call special attention to the importance of the temperance cause in Montana at this time and recognize the vastness of the issue before us.

We are delighted with the methods of our church temperance society and give them our hearty endorsement. We are thankful for the two million leaflets for the state, for free distribution as we believe this to be very valuable to the campaign this year.

We wish to express our hearty appreciation of Dr. Bulgin and his party in the work they have done in furthering the cause of temperance in our state. We most heartily commend our senators and representatives in upholding the issues leading to national prohibition.

We recommend that in each church a "Win One" society be organized for the sake of securing votes for the Montana Dry campaign.

We wish to express our appreciation of the Paramount Issue and urge that each pastor do his full duty in securing subscriptions.

We endorse the work of the Anti-Saloon League and again pledge our support to, this force. We recognize the great work being done by the W. C. T. U. and believe that the increase in registration is due largely to the efforts of this society. We urge on our pastors to impress upon the minds of the people the need of registration.

Rumors are abroad that plans are being perfected to secure illegal registration and voting. We therefore urge upon all our people to carefully scrutinize the registration list of the various precincts and on election day to be vigilant in safeguarding the polls.

FREDERICK T. SPENCER,

Chairman.

E. D. SWISHER, Secretary.

THE DEACONESS BOARD.

We are happy over the glorious success that has come to the Deaconess work within the bounds of our Conference during the past year. Our hospital at Bozeman must have a new building to meet the demands made upon it. Therefore we hope that our Bishop may appoint a man to lead in this building enterprise at Bozeman. The local Board of Trustees has inaugurated this building enterprise.

The Montana Deaconess School has had the greatest year in its history. The international management has been well looked after by Miss Roxana Beck and her corps of workers. Rev. John Chirgwin, Field Secretary, has met with splendid response this year on the field. The Board of Trustees of this Institution asks the Bishop to reappoint Bro. Chirgwin to the Field work. We are delighted with the success that has attended the effort being made at Butte City for a magnificent new hospital and we wish them every success and pledge them our sympathy and prayers. We recommend Miss Lucy Abbott Joslin and Miss Beatrice Eva Butler for license and consecration.

We recommend the re-election of the present members of the annual Conference Board, as follows: For one year, John Chirgwin, Jesse Lacklen, Mrs. A. M. Dawes. For two years, E. H. Fisher, Roy C. Smith, John E. Patterson. For three years, Wm. Lutey, Mrs. J. F. Mills, Mrs. E. C. Bartlett.

E. H. FISHER,

JOHN CHIRGWIN,

MRS. E. C. BARTLETT,

JESSE LACKLEN.

Resolutions.

We, your Committee on Resolutions submit the following report:

WHEREAS, In the Providence of God this Thirteenth Session of the Montana Annual Conference has been one of much spiritual refreshment, Thorough-going deliberation, and delightful fellowship,—

BE IT RESOLVED—That we thank God for divine wisdom, strength and grace, during the past year, and for the consciousness of the presence of the Holy Spirit in our midst here.

Our preconceptions of the ability and brotherliness of our Resident and Presiding Bishop, Richard J. Cooke, have been transcended. We have been enlightened and encouraged by his statesmanship, inspired by his addresses and sermons, and his lecture on "America's World Relations," and we are happy in his fellowship. We express entire confidence in his leadership, and we anticipate great things for the kingdom this quadrennium.

We appreciate and commend the tireless labors of our beloved District Superintendents throughout the year and during the Conference Sessions.

We are heartily thankful to the several speakers who have so ably represented the Connectional Boards and various other interests of the Church, but we regret the failure of the Book Concern to have its interests represented and our books on display at this Session. We thank the Conference Quartett and Dr. Naftsger for their inspiring music; the Press of the State for favorable recognition and full announcements and accounts of our gathering; the beautiful City of Livingston for its kindly reception and open doors; the various homes for hospitable entertainment; the Railways for extended courtesies; and for the well laid plans and untiring labors of our host, Bro. H. A. James, and the members, friends, and sub organizations of the Livingston Church, which have contributed to our convenience, comfort and pleasure.

We are especially grateful to both Livingston and Pine Creek people for the trip to the delightful "Paradise Valley" and to Brother T. H. Barker and the people of Pine Creek Church for the royal entertainment furnished in that happy retreat. We note with pleasure the work of the decorators of the Livingston Church, and highly appreciate the beautiful flowers and plants.

We express deepest satisfaction with the constructive policy of the Laymen's Association, and their hearty co operation with our plans and policies.

The delightful associations of this Session of our Conference will ever linger in our memories.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM B. BLISS,
JOHN G. ROSS,
WALTER L. GREER,
FREEMAN O. LINGER.

C.—Special Committees.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON REFERENCE.

Your committee to which the recommendations of the district superintendents were referred, has considered with care each of these recommendations and begs leave to report as follows:

1. On the matter of procuring a residence at Helena for our bishops we recommend that the committee on Episcopal Residence as constituted last year be continued and instructed to determine location in Helena, advisability of purchasing or building a residence and some plan of financing the enterprise.

2. In the matter of printing lists of local preachers and outlying circuit appointments, we recommend that the suggestions be complied with and that the district superintendents furnish the data for such lists to the secretary within ten days from the adjournment of conference.

3. In the matter of conference boundaries we recommend the present committee. (The district superintendents and the Secretary.) be continued with instructions to confer with the North Montana Conference and bring a report to the next session including if possible some plan of adjustment that may be satisfactory to both conferences.

4. We endorse the present movement for providing increased conference claimants funds and recommend the appointment of a committee of five with the district superintendents as ex-officio members, to determine upon the character of a campaign in this conference and to conduct such campaign in the manner determined upon.

JACOB MILLS,

C. L. BOVARD,

S. A. OLIVER.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION OF AREA PAPER.

We, your committee, recommend the continuance of the publication of "The Messenger" on its present basis and that the committee be continued that they may study propositions from other conferences of the Helena Area looking toward the establishment of an Area paper.

CHAS. D. CROUCH,

EDWARD SMITH,

JESSE LACKLEN,

R. P. SMITH,

GEO. MECKLENBURG.

UNIFORM FINANCIAL PLAN.

We recommend that the new financial plan be instituted in every church of the conference. The first number on the program of the conference year should be to make a budget for the year and to arrange for an every member canvass to enlist every possible resource for regular support, thus leaving the rest of the year for spiritual work and the upbuilding of the Kingdom of God on Earth.

GEO. MECKLENBURG,

CHARLES D. CROUCH,

JESSE LACKLEN.

AUDITING COMMITTEE.

We, your committee on auditing accounts have examined the accounts of the district superintendents, Conference Record Books, Conference Secretarys Account and Accounts Board of Home Missions and Church Extension.

W. H. CALVERT,
G. J. STEVENS.

D.—Treasurer's Report.**CONFERENCE OF M. E. CHURCH OF MONTANA IN ACCOUNT WITH JACOB MILLS, TREASURER.**

Bannack Church Fund, last report.....	\$	62.01	
Interest.....		372	
Total.....		65.73	
Pyretees Church Fund, last report.....		22.74	
Interest.....		1.36	
Total.....		24.10	
Trout Creek Church Fund, last report.....		96.51	
Interest.....		5.79	
Total.....		102.30	
C. C. Fund, last report.....		1,996.16	
Paid C. E. Cunningham, Treas.....	\$	45.00	
Paid Indemnity Bond.....		5.00	
Interest.....		117.07	
Bal.....		2,063.23	
Total.....		2,063.23	
Ovando Parsonage Fund.....	\$	400.00	
Interest.....		85.37	485.37

RECAPITULATION:

Bannack Church	\$	65.73
Pyretees Church		24.10
Trout Creek Church.....		102.30
Ovando Church		485.37
C. C. Fund.....		2,063.23

Grand Total.....\$2,740.73

UNPAID NOTES—

Lee L. Tower, (outlawed).....	\$	105.51
Lee L. Tower, (outlawed).....		70.90
First Trust & Savings Bank, Billings		246.63

Respectfully submitted,

JACOB MILLS,
Treasurer.

CONFERENCE

YELLOWSTONE

DISCIPLINARY BENEFIT

NAMES OF CHARGES.	DISCIPLINARY BENEFIT										
	MISSIONS						EDUCATION			BOARD OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS.	
	Board of Foreign Missions			Board of Home Missions and Church Extension			Board of Education		Conference Educational Collection	Church	Sunday Schools (Total)
	Church	Special Gifts	Sunday Schools	Church	Special Gifts	Sunday Schools	Public Educational Collection	Children's Fund			
Baker	23		7	20		5	5	9		4	1
Big Timber	5			5							
Birney	121	125	91	93		91	32	144	10		25
Bozeman	100	120	120	175		78	44	160			34
Billings	26							7	6		3
Bridger & Fromberg	3										
Bloomfield	26		5	23		5	4	10	5	3	
Comanche Circuit	10			10			5				5
Fairview	30	20	10	40		20	10	64			9
Forsythe	35			30			5	55	20		8
Glendive											
Hardin	80	80	10	78				84			11
Huntley Circuit	3		1	6		3	1	35			2
Joliet	18	50	7	18		7	4	30	5	2	3
Laurel	105	10	58	83		58	24	105	40		19
Livingston	6		58	30		5		96	5		10
Miles City	5							26			
Park City	50		9	42		9	8	72	5	25	8
Pine Creek	5		5	5		10		64			3
Red Lodge	16			14			2	5		2	
Red Water Circuit			10			10	4	4	1		6
Sidney	52			10			1		5		1
Wibaux Circuit											
Sioux Pass							10				
Wilsall and Clyde Park	2		2								
Fishtail											
Yellowstone District	731	405	384	682		301	159	970	57	81	148
Increase	258	160	272	104		40	63		7		40
Decrease								211		23	
Yellowstone District	731	405	384	682		301	159	970	57	81	148
Butte District	1115	447	584	1209	3	549	256	1450	130	1643	172
Grand Total	1846	852	968	1711	3	850	415	2420	187	1724	320

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DISCIPLINARY BENEVOLENCES

CONTRIBUTOR	CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL COLLECTION	BOARD OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS.		CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS		Church Temperance Society	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Woman's Home Missionary Society		American Bible Society	City Missionary or Ch. Ex. Society	Central Office Expenses Epworth League	Methodist Brotherhood Dues
		Church	Sunday Schools (Total)	Board of Conference Claimants (Chicago)	Annual Conference Investments			Cash	Supplies				
		4	1			2				2			
10			25			6	100			12		6	
6			34			8	150			16		2	
5		3	3			1				1			
	5		5			2				2			
20			9			1				2			
			8										
			11		2		50					5	
5	2	2	2	2		2				1		1	
	40		3			5	31			9		4	
5			19			4	17			1		2	
			10										
5	25		8	2	2	2	2	2		2		2	
			3			1	1	1		1		1	
		2				1				1			
1	4		6			1						1	
	5		1			1							
						2							
57	81	11	148	4	4	39	351	3		50		24	
7			40	4	4	5	80			15			
	23	35						2	5			3	
57	81	11	148	4	4	39	351	3		50		24	
130	1643	93	172	9		79	816	3	513	79		26	
187	1724	104	320	13	4	118	1167	6	513	129		50	

Methodist	OTHER BENEVOLENCES							OTHER ITEMS.			GRAND TOTAL
	Total Disciplinary Benevolences	Epworth League Missionary Policy	Bozeman Deaconess Hospital	Montana Deaconess School	Other Benevolences	General Deaconess Board	Total Benevolences	Support of Conference Claimants	Support of Bishops (Episcopal Fund)	General Conference Expenses	
	78		1				79	6	3		9
	10						10	5	2		86
	856	60	2	315	48	11	1292	105	36	9	1442
	1007	100	30		1229		2366	100	40	5	2511
	42			40			82	6			88
	3						3	8	2		13
	83						83	20	8		111
	35						35	20	5		60
	207		9		62		278	40	16	2	336
	156				112		268	50	20	4	342
	400	4			340		744	32	15		791
	51					1	52	10	5	2	69
	152	13	12	4	40		221	20	8	3	252
	551	33		17	29		630	65	26	6	727
	235		36				271	36	24	4	335
	31						31	28	11		70
	242	26	8	200	23	2	501	45	18	5	569
	97	10			2		109	40	4	1	154
	41						41	15	5		61
	41				58		99	50	20		169
	70				10		80				80
	10				43		53	4	3		7
	6				1		7	36	10		99
								2			9
	4404	246	98	576	1997	14	7335	745	284	41	8405
	941	246	50		1245	14	939	203	51		1176
				1477						17	
	4404	246	98	576	1997	14	7335	745	284	41	8405
	9010	349	208	3544	2065	11	15182	978	413	64	16627
	13414	595	306	4120	4062	25	22517	1723	697	105	25032

NAMES OF CHARGES.	MISSIONS						Freedmen's Aid Society
	Board of Foreign Missions			Board of Home Missions and Church Extension			
	Church	Special Gifts	Sunday Schools	Church	Special Gifts	Sunday Schools	
Anaconda	66	20	60	110		65	25
Avon Circuit							
Butte: (Grace)	30		40	30		40	5
(Mt. Bethel)			20			20	3
(Mt. View)	306	65	100	248		100	60
(Trinity)			38			38	3
(Unity and St. George)	12		10	10		10	
(Wesley Chapel)						5	
(Italian Mission)	2			2			
Clancy and Jefferson	10		2	8		2	3
Dillon	50		43	17		23	22
Drummond	5			5		5	1
Hamilton	11		19	9		19	5
Helena: (Oakes Street)	21		6	21		6	2
(St. Paul's)	145		41	145		41	31
Marysville							
Meadow Creek	15			15			5
Missoula	278	295	100	228		100	56
Philipsburg	8			7			
Sheridan and Ruby	10	20	15	10		15	3
St. Ignatius	7	2	3	7	3	2	2
Stevensville	70		37	62		35	15
Superior and Alberton							
Sula			3			2	
Thompson Falls and Plains			25	7			3
Three Forks	2		6			6	
Townsend Circuit	10			5			5
Twin Bridges	20		10	20		10	4
Whitehall	12	15	6	20		5	
Winston and Beaver Creek	25	30		43			3
Butte District Totals	1115	447	584	1039	3	549	256
Increase	282		46	255		37	74
Decrease		2			47		
Butte District	1115	447	584	1029	3	549	256
Yellowstone District	731	405	384	682		301	159
Grand Total	1846	852	968	1711	3	850	415

RECAPITULATION

Yellowstone District	731	405	384	682		301	159
Butte District	1115	447	584	1029	3	549	256
	1846	852	968	1711	3	850	415
Increase	540	158	294	459		77	137
Decrease					47		

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DISCIPLINARY BENEVOLENCES

EDUCATION			BOARD OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS.		CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS		Church Temperance Society	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Woman's Home Missionary Society		American Bible Society	City Missionary or Ch. Ex. Society
Board of Education		Conference Educational Collection	Church	Sunday Schools (Total)	Board of Conference Claimants (Chicago)	Annual Conference Investments			Cash	Supplies		
Public Educational Collection	Children's Fund											
120	25	752		30	5		10	66		44	5	
10												
112	7			15			3				3	
10				5			2				3	
190	16	175	20	27			20	482		202	22	
70		39		10			3				5	
	5			2			1					
				5								
							1					
2		6		2			4				1	
25	10	15	17	7			4	50			5	
20				5			1					
64	5	15	1	4	2		2	10	2		2	
150		42	2				1					
150	10		10	8				106		144	2	
10												
25	7	56	2	7			1			20	1	
144	20	175	16	20	2		10	75		103	20	
36												
65	5	13	2	3			5				2	
10				2								
72	11	340	10	3			3				5	
20				5								
2								2				
	3	5		2				24				
	3			3								
							1				2	
48				3			1	1	1			
50	3	10		4			1					
45			13				5				1	
1450	130	1643	93	172	9		79	816	3	513	79	
	19	988	56	31			19	154		513	39	
508					15				226			
1450	130	1643	93	172	9		79	816	3	513	79	
970	57	81	11	148	4	4	39	351	3		50	
2420	187	1724	104	320	13	4	118	1167	6	533	129	
970	57	81	11	148	4	4	39	351	3		50	
1450	130	1643	93	172	9		79	816	3	513	79	
2420	187	1724	104	320	13	4	118	1167	6	513	129	
	26	965	21	170		3	24	214		506	44	
727					11				228			

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INARY BENEVOLENCES

BOARD OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS.		CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS		Church Temperance Society	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Woman's Home Missionary Society		American Bible Society	City Missionary or Ch. Ex. Society	Central Office Expenses Epworth League	Methodist Brotherhood Dues	Total Disciplinary Benevolences
Church	Sunday Schools (Total)	Board of Conference Claimants (Chicago)	Annual Conference Investments			Cash	Supplies					
	30	5		10	66	44	5		1			14
	15			3			3		3			2
20	5			2			3		3			20
	27			20	482	202	22		3			2
	10			3			5		2			
	2			1								
	5											
	2			1			1					
17	7			4	50		5		3			2
	5			1					1			
1	4	2		2	10	2	2		1			1
2				1								2
10	8				106	144	2		5			8
	7			1		20	1					1
2	20	2		10	75	103	20		3			16
16												
	3			5			2					1
	2											
10	3			3			5		1			6
	5											
	2				2							
	3				24							
				1	1	1	2					
	3			1								
	4			1					2			
13				5			1					
93	172	9		79	816	3	79		26			9
56	31			19	154		39		1			1
		15				226						
93	172	9		79	816	3	79		26			9
11	148	4	4	39	351	3	50		24			4
104	320	13	4	118	1167	6	533	129	50			13

11	148	4	4	39	351	3	50	24	4
93	172	9		79	816	3	79	26	9
104	320	13	4	118	1167	6	513	50	13
21	170		3	24	214		506		2
		11				228		2	

OTHER BENEVOLENCES							OTHER ITEMS.			GRAND TOTAL
Total Benevolences	General Deaconess Board	Other Benevolences	Montana Deaconess School	Bozeman Deaconess Hospital	Epworth League Missionary Policy	Total	Support of Conference Claimants	Support of Bishops (Episcopal Fund)	General Conference Expenses	
1404		81	375	38	31	1929	75	30	8	2042
10			70			80	3	1		84
288		32	238			560	70	28	5	663
63			1116			63	8	2		73
2047		149			72	3384	120	60	12	3576
206		7	50		32	295	60	24	5	384
52		14			20	86	45	16		147
10						10	8	2		20
5		10				15				15
40						40	6	4		50
293		451	439			1183	75	30		1288
43		14	326		3	386	40	17		443
171		12	98		11	293	37	15	5	350
251		33	9			293	30	12		335
838		62	24	4	100	1028	75	30	8	1141
10						10	2	1		13
154		6	7			167	35	14	3	219
1645		957	37	78	68	2785	90	36	10	2921
51			10			61	24	5		90
168		67	112	32		379	42	16		437
38						39	15	7		61
664		1	65	56		787	45	18	4	854
25						25	6			31
9			53			62	5	2		69
69		21			7	97	5	8	2	112
21		22	83			126				126
27		126	192			346	12	10		368
116					5	121	30	12		163
127			240			367	10	12	2	391
165						165	5	1		171
9010		2065	3544	208	349	15182	978	413	64	16627
1420		438	3276		349	4368	58			4588
				413				79	22	
9010		2065	3544	208	349	15182	978	413	64	16627
4404		1997	576	98	246	7335	745	284	41	8405
3414		4062	4120	306	595	22517	1723	697	105	25032
22261		1767	1799		595	5307	261			5764
				363				38	39	

VIII.—Plan of Conference Examination.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

Two examiners for each years study. These two examiners to divide studies as agreeable to themselves. Examiners to continue in same year until changed by Conference.

R. P. Smith, Chairman, Bozeman.

Jesse Lacklen, Registrar, Anaconda.

For Admission on Trial—

Examiners, George Mecklenburg, Fred Whitford.

The English Language.

(a) The Art of Writing English, Brown and Barnes.

(b)

American History, James and Sanford.

Doctrines and Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Life of John Wesley, Winchester.

Written Paper.

Written Sermon.

First Year—

Examiners, H. G. Humphry, J. H. Mitchell.

New Testament History—Rall.

Human Behavior—Calvin and Bagley.

The Making of a Sermon—Pattison.

How to Study and Teaching How to Study—McMurray.

Second Year—

Examiners, Geo. D. Wolfe, John G. Ross.

Dictionary of the Bible—Hastings.

The Bible in the Making—Smythe.

How We Got Our Bible—Smythe.

Short History of the Christian Church—Moncrief.

The Pupil and the Teacher—Weigle.

The Graded Sunday School in Principle and Practice—Meyer.

The Way to Win—Fisher.

Third Year—

Examiners, R. P. Smith, R. C. Edgington.

Beacon Lights of Prophecy—Knudsen.

Foundations of Christian Belief—Strickland.

Socialism and Modern Social Problems—Ellwood.

Social Institutions and Ideals of the Bible.

Introduction to the Study of Modern Comparative Religion—
Jevons.

Fourth Year—

Examiners, Paul M. Adams, John M. Whiteley.

Paul and His Epistles—Hayes.

System of Christian Doctrine—Sheldon.

Every Day Ethics—Cabot.

The New Home Missions—Douglas.

Social Aspects of Foreign Missions—Faunce.

Local Preachers Course:—

John A. Meeke, T. H. Martin.

Local Deacons Orders—

E. C. Bartlett, Thomas Hardie.

Local Elder's Orders—

Jesse Lacklen.

NOTES FOR EXAMINERS AND APPLICANTS.

I. Each examiner is required to send to the Chairman a list of questions not later than October 1, 1916.

II. Each candidate will notify the Chairman when ready to pass on any book.

III. The persons conducting an examination will send the Candidate's answers to their respective examiners, and the questions back to the Chairman.

IV. Each examiner will send three (typewritten if possible) copies of questions to Chairman, retaining one copy for himself, and after examining the papers submitted by candidate will forward grades to the Registrar.

V. It shall be the duty of the undergraduates desiring to present credit for any subject pursued in school, or conference, to confer with the examiner before conference, stating the subject for which he desires credit and to present satisfactory evidence of his standing in the same before the Board of Examiners at its annual meeting at the seat of Conference.

VI. **Local Preachers** will apply directly to **Jesse Lacklen, Anaconda**, for information and questions on that course.

VII. After the opening session of Conference no candidate will hereafter be admitted to examination.

VIII. Examiners will keep account of postage expense and submit same to board at annual meeting.

IX. Read carefully what the discipline says, relating to Conference Examinations. (Appendix, Chapter VIII.)

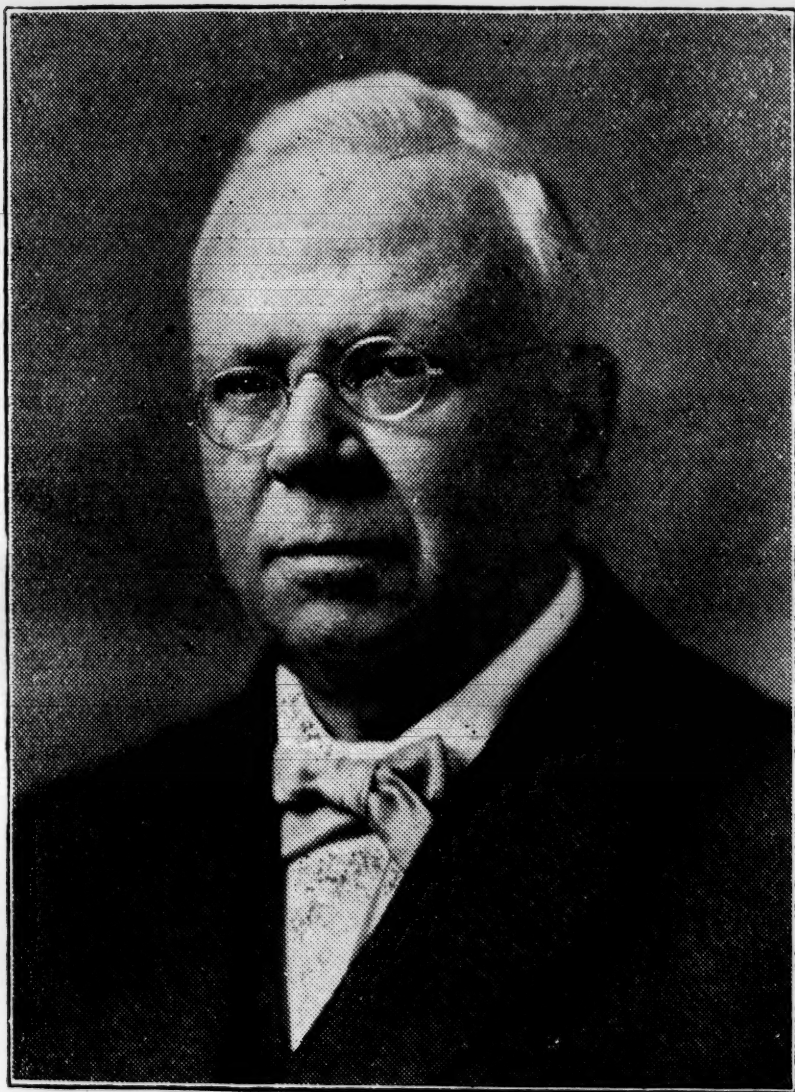
X. Write all sermons, essays and answers to questions neatly with ink on one side of the paper.

XI. Examinations must be taken before a member of the Examining Board, or some person suggested by the District Superintendent. Candidates appointed to remote charges are requested, as far as possible, to arrange to take their examination during the visits of the Superintendent.

XII. The Secretary of the Conference is instructed to pay bills incurred by the Chairman and Registrar for the typewriting and postage necessary in the preparation and transmission of examination questions.

IX.—Memoirs.

BISHOP NAPHTALI LUCCOCK, PH.D., D.D.



Bishop Naphtali Luccock was born in Kimbolton, Guernsey County, Ohio, September 28, 1853. He was graduated from the Ohio Wesleyan University in the class of 1874 with A. B. and later was honored with the literary degrees of A.M. from his alma mater, Ph.D. from the Western (now Pittsburg) University, and D.D. from Syracuse University. He served two pastorates in the Pittsburg conference and was for a period of three years Professor in the Allegheny college, located at Meadville, Pa. He had a long and successful pastorate in St. Louis, Mo., and later gave the initial impulse to the new Church—Hyde Park—

Kansas City, Mo. He was elected Bishop at Minneapolis, Minn., in 1912, and located in the Helena area, with residence at Helena, Montana. Within a month of the completion of his first quadrennium, he passed to his reward—April 1, 1916.

Bishop Luccock received many honors from his church prior to his election to the chief pastorate. He was our fraternal delegate to the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in 1910, greatly endearing himself to that body. He was the author of several works—*Christian Citizenship*, *Living Words from the Pulpit*. *The Royalty of Jesus* and in collaboration with Dr. Lee, *The Illustrated History of Methodism*. He joined Dr. Lee also in editing *The American Illustrated Methodist Magazine*, a publication that was destined to have a very short life.

We shall not attempt to prepare for print in our limited space the words of eulogy that spring to our minds as we think of the gracious personality who has so recently departed. We here repeat what we printed elsewhere shortly after his translation as expressing our estimate of his character:

"Nothing human is foreign to me" might have been most truthfully asserted by our lamented leader. It is true that his approach to man was by the way of the throne. He knew that all truly unselfish love of man is a reflection from that center of luminosity—the re-

demptive love of God in Christ. He was no humanitarian in the strictly modern socialistic sense—the sense in which so many in these days aver. But with a tender regard, springing out of his own deep draughts from the wells of salvation, Bishop Luccock met men on the level of good cheer and friendly solicitude. It was wonderful to see how quickly every grade of humanity became at ease in his presence. He was scarcely seated at the banquet table or in the social circle when even the most timid guest felt that “here is my friend.” This was in no sense a conscious act of condescension—an effort to patronize—but it was as natural as the act of breathing. He loved to know men by their first names—George, Charlie, John, etc. It all came to this: “Like his Master before him, he loved humanity.”

A kindred quality in our departed friend, was his optimism—his vision of the triumphs of right. Upon his return from official inspection of our work in Hawaii and Alaska, he would in his quiet way thrill his conferences with his hopeful outlook. He never tired of relating his experience in visiting the public schools of Honolulu where he heard our patriotic hymns from the lips of the children of many nationalities. Love of country was so sacred that it would have required a sharp blade indeed to separate between it and his love of God.

This by no means professes to be an exhaustive study of the character of our departed friend. Just a few impressions. We close with a reference to his fine balance of judgment and ripened wisdom. He dealt with the numerous problems that confronted him in the light of all available knowledge and all the wisdom he could summon from his rich human experience. He rarely erred—never seriously. Without parading it, he was gifted with a decisiveness that often surprised those who inferred from his happy social moods that he would temporize and vacillate. No man could hold more firmly to a policy when once decided upon than he. Much more crowds upon us—beginning to be said. We have space only to say that in the death of Bishop Luccock, we mourn as for a brother; and in saying this we feel that we voice the feeling of every Methodist preacher in the Helena Area.

CHARLES L. BOVARD.

OBITUARY OF MRS. MARION ACKLEY COMFORT.

Mrs. Marion Ackley Comfort was born in the State of Pennsylvania June 21st, 1845, and died at her home at Lanesboro in the same State February 26th 1916. Sister Comfort was converted in her girlhood and adorned the profession of religion with a noble and unselfish life. She lived in the spirit and was untiring in her efforts for the Church. Her beautiful life shed its fragrance on all around her. Her life work was that of a teacher; she gave 26 years to work in the public schools of her state.

She was married to Rev. Geo. Comfort in 1889 and served with her husband at Billings and Virginia City. Her usefulness as a pastor's wife was a marked feature of her career.

Mrs. Comfort and her husband were chosen for Superintendent and Matron of the Montana State Orphans Home in 1893 and served in that work for four years. Here her experience and ability found a wide field of usefulness and success crowned her every effort. Since her husband's death she has maintained her home near the scenes of her early life. Her last illness was paralysis and lasted 18 days. Her intense suffering was borne with great fortitude. She talked freely and confidently of her approaching death and joined in animated conversation with her nurse and friends in intervals when comparatively free from pain. Her testimony to her friends was "The way is clear. O death where is thy sting, O grave where is thy victory?"

S. A. OLIVER.

MRS. J. W. BENNETT.

After a lingering illness of many months, in fact having never survived the shock caused by the death of her husband in September 1913, Mrs. Irvine Bennett, widow of Rev. John W. Bennett of the Montana Conference, died at her home in Missoula on Monday morning, February 7th, 1916. The members of her family were all at the bedside when the end came, also her sister, Mrs. Herman Moser, of Bozeman.

The funeral was held on Wednesday afternoon, February 9th, in the First Methodist Episcopal church which was built during the last pastorate of Bro. Bennett.

Rev. Charles D. Crouch, the pastor, conducted the funeral exercises, assisted by Rev. J. N. Maclean, D.D., pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Missoula and District Superintendent Edward Smith. The church auditorium was filled with the loving friends of Sister Bennett and long before the time for the services the gallery was opened and many occupied it.

The floral offerings were beautiful and great banks of flowers came from grateful friends from all parts of Montana and Washington. The music for the occasion was a mixed quartette, accompanied by the pipe organ and the hymns were favorite ones of the deceased.

Mrs. Bennett, born Fanny Irvine, February 16, 1859, was a native of Paisley, Scotland. She came to America when she was 25 years old. Soon afterward she married John Bennett at Salt Lake City. They came directly to Butte and during the 32 years that have elapsed since Mr. Bennett accepted his first charge in Montana at Walkerville, she gave herself devotedly to assisting him in the various communities to which he was called to labor.

In addition to the relatives named, Mrs. Bennett is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Annie Hadley of Ferndale, Wash., and Mrs. Sarah Downs brough of Firthcliffe, N. Y.; by a brother, Thomas Irvine of Sidney, Australia, and a brother, William Irvine of Paisley, Scotland.

The following resolutions, in honor of Mrs. Bennett's memory, have been passed by the official board of the First Methodist church, of which the dead woman was long a member:

Resolution.

"Whereas, in His All Wise Providence, our Heavenly Father has called to Himself the soul of our beloved sister, Fannie Bennett; and

"Whereas, Sister Bennett, in addition to being a member of this church, was for nine years mistress of the parsonage during the two pastorates of her lamented husband, Rev. J. W. Bennett, and by her hospitality and sincere Christian character, nobly seconded him in his arduous labors and brilliant accomplishments for this church: therefore, be it

"Resolved, That in Sister Bennett's decease the First Methodist Episcopal church has lost a faithful and exemplary member, her wide circle of acquaintances have lost a true friend, and her family have lost an affectionate and devoted mother; and that we extend our sympathy to her family in the sad bereavement they have sustained, and commend them to the God she trusted in for consolation and divine grace; and, be it further

"Resolved, That these resolutions be spread on the minutes of this official board, and copies thereof be handed to Sister Bennett's family and the press.

"CHARLES D. CROUCH,

"Chairman.

"J. H. INCH,

"Secretary."

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Alice E. Taft, widow of Rev. Herbert S. Taft, was born in St. Lawrence county, New York, March 16, 1845. Her maiden name was Alice E. Hazelton. She met Herbert S. Taft while at boarding school in Michigan and married him in 1864 when he had been sent home from the Union army, as it was then supposed to die. Mrs. Taft nursed him back to health and they went to Michigan to live. Mr. Taft entered the Methodist ministry shortly after the death by drowning of their oldest son, Harold, who was dedicated to the ministry. He was a member of the Michigan conference until he came to Montana in 1888. In Montana Mr. and Mrs. Taft served the following charges: Twin Bridges, Livingston, Gallatin Valley, Marysville, Oakes St., Helena, New Chicago, Columbia Falls. Mr. Taft died at Columbia Falls in 1899. Mrs. Taft since his death has lived at Helena, Butte, Spokane and Vancouver. In April, 1916, she suffered a severe stroke of paralysis and lay helpless and almost speechless for five weeks, and on May 15, 1916, she passed on to join the loved ones on the Other Shore. She died at the home of her only daughter, Mrs. A. B. Keith, of Butte.

One daughter, three sons and eight grandchildren mourn her loss. Her children are: Mrs. A. B. Keith, Butte, Mont.; Fred L. Taft, Palouse, Wash.; Victor M. Taft, Spokane, Wash.; Jesse W. Taft, Vancouver, B. C. She was ever a devoted, self sacrificing mother and

her passing leaves a void that can never be filled. As a wife she ever helped hold up her husband's hands and used her strength, which was slight because of continued ill-health, and her talents, which were many, in the Master's service. Many have felt the inspiration of her kindness and loving sympathy. She had a keen brain and a comprehensive outlook on all public affairs, and was greatly interested in current events and national policies, and her opinion on national questions was sought by her friends, as it had been formed by shrewd deduction.

Funeral services for Mrs. Taft were conducted in Butte by the Rev. George D. Wolfe, assisted by Rev. Walter M. Jordan, a lifelong friend.

"Her children arise and call her blessed." Prov. 31:28.

Note:—Mr. Taft entertained the Methodist conference when it met at Livingston in 1890. Bishop Vincent presided. Mrs. Taft entertained and cooked for sixteen delegates.

MARTHA MELVINA EARRICK.

Martha Melvina Earrick, wife of Rev. I. N. Smith, passed to her reward from her home in Stevensville, May 22nd, 1916. She was born in Logan County, Ohio, seventy-five years ago, educated in the common schools, and taught for several terms, later finishing her education in the Ohio Wesleyan University.

In 1862 she married and from that time until her decease was the faithful wife and most efficient co-worker with her husband in the Ministry for fifty-four years. She was the mother of ten children all of whom reached the age of maturity. Two of them preceded her to the heavenly home, Mrs. Mattie Sharp and Earl Rowley, whose bodies lie side by side in the Stevensville Cemetery.

Endowed with keen intellect, discerning judgment, and persistent will power, she accomplished far more than the ordinary. Having ten children of her own, with full consent of her husband, she took into her home two girls who needed a mother's care and who today send their messages of love, gratitude, and praise as they join with the mourning family in doing honor to her memory. She was among the few who were ready for every good work, and was one of the leaders of the Crusade in Ohio and in W. C. T. U. organization in its great work, having been state president in Montana. Her birthday has been made a Red Letter day by her White Ribbon Sisters. She has been honored in State and National Conventions.

But in all things her home was first and husband and children never knew her to fail in loving interest and true heroism in all the emergencies of life.

X.—The Honored Dead.

Name—	Conf.	Died	Place of Burial
1.—Bennett, J. W.....	1887	1913	Missoula.
2.—Berk, Alexis.....	1896	1896	Unknown.
3.—Canfield, Wm.....	1891	1892	Virginia City.
4.—Clampitt, H. P.....	1887	1888	Butte.
5.—Comfort, George.....	1887	1908	Lanesboro, Pa.
6.—Duncan, Hugh.....	1887	1887	Sheridan.
7.—Garvin, Thomas.....	1893	1901	Loyalton, Cal.
8.—Hall, Marion J.....	1887	1905	Los Angeles, Cal.
9.—Hall, William.....	1887	1898	Pine Creek
10.—Jenkins, G. W.....	1888	1901	Philipsburg.
11.—Lowry, Philip.....	1888	1896	Anaconda.
12.—Mickel, L. H.....	1892	1910	Bozeman.
13.—Miller, C. E.....	1897	1909	Billings.
14.—Raleigh, A. D.....	1887	1908	Helena.
15.—Rodger, Allan.....	1891	1904	Great Falls.
16.—Taft, H. S.....	1889	1899	Columbia Falls.
17.—Van Scoy, Thomas.....	1898	1901	Helena.
18.—Warman, Henry.....	1892	1903	Glendive.
19.—C. P. Adams.....	1912	1914	Sumatra.
20.—I. S. Ware.....	1904	1915	Bozeman.
21.—Wm. E. Snyder.....	1889	1915	Roseburg, Ore.

*In case of misinformation, corrections will be welcomed by the Secretary.

XI.—Mission and Conference Sessions.**ROCKY MOUNTAIN CONFERENCE.**

Year.	Day.	Place.	Bishop.	Secretary.
1872	Aug. 2	Salt Lake City, Utah	Foster.....	J. M. Jameson.
1873	July 31	Salt Lake City, Utah	Peck.....	D. G. Strong.
1874	Aug. 13	Salt Lake City, Utah	Bowman.....	D. G. Strong.
1875	Aug. 12	Salt Lake City, Utah	Haven.....	D. G. Strong.
1876	July 27	Helena, Mont.....	Harris.....	F. A. Riggin.

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1877	Aug. 2	Bozeman	Bowman.....	L. W. B. Long
1878	Aug. 2	Virginia City.....	Andrews.....	Hugh Duncan.
1879	July 3	Butte	Merrill.....	W. C. Shippen.
1880	July 23	Virginia City.....	Wiley.....	George Comfort.
1881	July 21	Helena	Wiley.....	George Comfort.
1882	July 21	Bozeman	Hurst.....	George Comfort.
1883	Aug. 15	Butte	Wiley.....	George Comfort.
1884	Sept. 25	Helena	Fowler.....	George Comfort.
1885	July 9	Bozeman	Walden.....	George Comfort.
1886	July 8	Dillon	Harris.....	W. A. Shannon.

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1887	Aug. 17	Butte	Foster.....	W. A. Shannon.
1888	July 12	Missoula	Joyce.....	George Comfort.
1889	July 4	Helena	Goodsell.....	George C. Stull.
1890	July 24	Livingston	Vincent.....	George C. Stull.
1891	July 20	Great Falls.....	Bowman.....	George C. Stull.
1892	Aug. 4	Anaconda	Walden.....	George C. Stull.
1893	Aug. 10	Bozeman	Fowler.....	George C. Stull.
1894	Aug. 9	Butte, Mt. View.....	Joyce.....	Philip Lowry.
1895	Aug. 22	Helena, St. Paul's.....	Ninde.....	Philip Lowry.
1896	Aug. 13	Dillon	Warren.....	Philip Lowry.
1897	Aug. 13	Butte, Trinity.....	Cranston.....	George D. King.
1898	Aug. 11	Anaconda	Mallalieu.....	George D. King.
1899	Aug. 9	Livingston	Joyce.....	George D. King.
1900	Aug. 8	Helena, St. Paul's.....	Fowler.....	George D. King.
1901	Aug. 7	Missoula	Fowler.....	George D. King.
1902	Aug. 7	Bozeman	Merrill.....	L. H. Mickel.
1903	Aug. 13	Livingston	McCabe.....	L. H. Mickel.
1904	Aug. 24	Butte, Grace.....	Berry.....	L. H. Mickel.
1905	Aug. 16	Dillon	Moore.....	L. H. Mickel.
1906	Aug. 16	Billings	Cranston.....	L. H. Mickel.
1907	Aug. 21	Anaconda	Moore.....	George D. King.
1908	Aug. 20	Miles City.....	McDowell.....	George D. King.
1909	Aug. 25	Butte, Mt. View.....	Spellmeyer.....	C. E. Miller.
1910	Aug. 24	Helena, St. Paul's.....	McIntyre.....	George D. King.
1911	Aug. 21	Billings	Nuelsen.....	Edward L. Mills.
1912	Aug. 21	Missoula	Luccock.....	Paul M. Adams.
1913	Aug. 20	Bozeman	Luccock.....	Paul M. Adams.
1914	Aug. 26	Forsyth	Luccock.....	Paul M. Adams.
1915	Aug. 18	Butte	McConnell.....	Paul M. Adams.
1916	Aug. 16	Livingston	Cooke.....	Paul M. Adams.

XII.—Miscellaneous.**GOVERNING LAWS.****Articles of Incorporation of the Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Montana.****EXHIBIT "A."**

"Resolved, that the Trustees of this conference, to-wit: L. H. Mickel, S. A. Oliver and Jacob Mills, be and are hereby authorized to incorporate this conference, and for that purpose to file with the proper officer articles of incorporation, as required by law."

We, the President and Secretary of the conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Montana, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a full, true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Montana, at a regular meeting thereof, held in the city of Helena, Montana, on the twenty-sixth of August, 1910, and we do further certify that said resolution was adopted by the unanimous vote of the members of said conference then present.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We have hereunto set our hands, this twenty-sixth day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ten.

ROBERT McINTYRE, President.

Attest: GEO. D. KING, Secretary.

State of Montana,
County of Lewis and Clark.

ss.

We, L. H. Mickel, S. A. Oliver and Jacob Mills, trustees of the conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Montana, do by these presents, pursuant to and in conformity with the laws of the state of Montana, and pursuant to, and as authorized by a resolution, duly passed and adopted by said conference, a certified copy of which resolution is hereto attached marked "Exhibit A," and hereby referred to as and made a part thereof, and for the purpose of incorporating said conference agree upon and adopt the following:

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION.

First: The name of said corporation is hereby declared to be, THE CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF MONTANA.

Second: The purposes for which said corporation is organized are to supervise, superintend and promote the organization, co-operation, activities, maintenance and work of local churches and organizations of the Methodist Episcopal church within the boundaries and jurisdiction of said conference as now established, and as the same may from time to time be established, changed, modified and maintained; to maintain, carry on and conduct the preaching and dissemination of the gospel of Jesus Christ within the boundaries and jurisdiction of said Conference, and throughout the world, and to that end co-operate with other conferences, associations and institutions; to establish,

erect, maintain, carry on and conduct and aid in establishing, erecting, maintaining, carrying on and conducting schools, colleges, universities, hospitals and other eleemosynary, benevolent, charitable and religious institutions and enterprises; to receive devises, bequests, legacies, donations and funds and accept and discharge trusts and agencies for or on behalf of, or in aid of, any and all such or similar institutions, enterprises and causes, and generally to do and perform any and all things that may be convenient or proper in promoting, maintaining and furthering all benevolent, charitable and religious works, enterprises and measures authorized or that may be authorized by the general or local laws, rules and regulations of the Methodist Episcopal church, and to purchase or otherwise acquire, and to sell, or otherwise dispose of, and encumber such property, real, personal and mixed, as may from time to time, be necessary, proper or convenient for the purpose or any of the purposes aforesaid.

Third: The number of trustees of said corporation for the first year of the corporate existence of such corporation is three.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we hereunto set our hands the twenty-sixth day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ten.

L. H. MICKEL,
S. A. OLIVER,
JACOB MILLS.

State of Montana,
County of Lewis and Clark,
ss.

On this twenty-sixth day of August, in the year nineteen hundred and ten, before me, Massena Bullard, a Notary Public for the State of Montana, personally appeared L. H. Mickel, S. A. Oliver and Jacob Mills, known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Notarial Seal, the day and year in this certificate first above written.

MASSENA BULLARD,
Notary Public for the State of Montana, residing
at Helena, Montana. My commission expires
January 23, 1912.

BY LAWS OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF MONTANA.

Article I.

The Board of Trustees—The Board of Trustees, after the first year, shall number not less than three nor more than seven, all of whom shall reside within the bounds of the said conference and shall be over twenty-one years of age, a majority of whom shall be members of the said conference; the minority shall be lay members of the

said church; all of whom shall be chosen by the annual conference of the said church. The financial and secular business of the corporation shall be under their management.

Article II.

Officers of the Board of Trustees—The officers of the Board of Trustees shall consist of a President, Secretary and Treasurer, all of whom shall be elected annually by ballot at the first meeting of the Board of Trustees after election of members by the annual conference and whose term of office will terminate at the election and qualification of their successors.

Article III.

Duties of Officers.—Sec 1. It shall be the duty of the president to preside when present at all meetings of the Board of Trustees, appoint committees, call special meetings of the Board of Trustees as occasion may require, sign orders on the treasurer for the payment of money and during the interim between meetings have general supervision of the affairs of the Board of Trustees, and to execute all legal papers on behalf of the corporation as provided by law.

Sec. 2. The duties of the Vice President shall be to preside at all meetings of the Board of Trustees in the absence of the president and perform all other duties of the President in his absence.

Sec. 3. The duties of the Secretary shall be to keep a correct journal of the proceedings of all meetings of the Board of Trustees in a record book provided for that purpose and to take charge of and preserve all papers and documents belonging to his office, and to attend all legal papers of the Corporation. He shall deliver to his legal successor or to the Board of Trustees when requested, all books and papers of the Corporation. He shall deliver to his legal successor or to the Board of Trustees when requested, all books and papers in his possession belonging to said board.

Sec. 4. The duties of the Treasurer shall be to receive and take charge of, under the direction of the Board of Trustees, all monies received by the Corporation and to pay out the same on the order of the president. He shall also keep an account of all monies received by him, showing from what source received, and of all monies paid out by him and render a full report of the transactions of the financial condition of his office to the Board of Trustees at its annual meeting, and at such other times as he may be directed by said board. He shall furnish, if required, by the Board of Trustees, before receiving any of the funds of the Conference, a fidelity bond in such amount as the Board of Trustees may direct from time to time, to cover the faithful performance of his duties. These bonds shall be made payable to the Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Montana, and shall be executed by some responsible bonding company approved by the Board of Trustees, and the cost of said bonds shall be paid by this Corporation. All monies received by the Treasurer shall be deposited forthwith by him in some bank or other institution of deposit, subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees and he shall furnish

a certified duplicate certificate of deposit to the chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees for each deposit as soon as made.

RULES OF THE MONTANA ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

The Duties of the President.

1. The President shall see that all business pertaining to the Conference shall be brought forward and conducted in a proper manner, according to the provisions of the Discipline and Rules of the Conference.

2. He shall preserve order in all proceedings; and in debates shall keep the speakers to the question, and call them to order when they wander from the point, or from rules of order, or use any improper language.

3. He shall appoint all committees unless otherwise decided by the Conference, in which case the appointment shall be made by ballot or nomination, at the discretion of the Conference, no member thereof being permitted to nominate more than one person for the same committee.

4. When two or more members shall arise and address the President at the same time, he shall decide which of them is entitled to the floor.

The Duties of the Secretary.

1. The Secretary shall record all answers to questions of law; also rulings made by the President in the transaction of the business of the Conference, and to keep a fair and correct record of its proceedings to be read at the commencement of each session thereafter subject to the correction of the Conference.

2. He shall carefully preserve the journals and papers of the Conference placed in custody, and shall not permit any person but a member to examine the same, nor shall he allow a member to make a transcript from either without the permission of the Conference and he shall also produce the journal and papers at the next annual session of the Conference.

3. He shall also, after the close of the Conference, make an appendix at the end of the journal in which he shall record all documents which shall be ordered by the Conference to be so recorded (the motion on which shall be taken without debate) and documents so recorded shall be referred to on the journal of the Conference.

The Duties and Privileges of Members.

1. Every member who would speak should rise in his place and respectfully address the president, refraining from all personalities and indecorous language; but no member shall speak more than once on the same question (except to explain) until every member choosing shall have spoken; nor longer than fifteen minutes, without permission of the Conference.

2. When a member shall be called to order by the President or any member he shall take his seat until the question be decided by

the President; nevertheless, he shall be allowed an appeal to the Conference which shall decide without debate.

3. Any member may call for the division of a question, which shall be granted when, in the judgment of the president, the sense will admit of it; and every member present shall vote on all questions unless excused by the Conference.

Questions to be Taken Without Debate.

A motion simply to adjourn. Motion to lie on the table.

STANDING RULES.

1. Applicants for admission on trial shall not be over 35 years of age.

2. In view of the increasing number of claimants on our superannuate fund, the District Superintendents shall not encourage the transfer, and the Bishops are respectfully requested not to transfer any men to this Conference who are not in sound health and who are over forty years of age.

3. After September 1, 1912, candidates for admission on trial into full connection and for election to elders orders must bring up all books to be read and **all** books studied **without condition**.

MISCELLANEOUS RULES.

Section 1.

1. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order.

2. When a question has been decided, any member who may have voted in the majority on said question may move for a reconsideration thereof.

3. When the reading of a paper is called for, and the same is objected to by a member, the question shall be determined by a vote of the Conference.

4. A motion may be withdrawn by the mover at any time before decision thereon or amendment thereto.

5. It shall always be in order at any time during the discussion of a proposition before the Conference (except during the examination of character), to move that the question be put without debate, and, if the motion is sustained by two-thirds of the members present and voting, the debate shall at once cease, and the question shall be put.

6. No motion shall be entertained unless seconded, and all motions and resolutions shall be reduced to writing, if desired by the president or secretary, or any member of the Conference.

7. No matter of business, other than that which pertains to the ordinary business of the Conference, shall be read by the Secretary, until the subject of it is stated by the introducer.

8. When the report of the committee is under consideration, the chairman or a member of the committee selected by the committee or its chairman, shall be entitled to close the debate, and the representative of the committee shall not be deprived of his rights to close the debate even by the ordering of a previous question. If the motion to lay on the table the report, or any part of it, be made, the representative of the committee may elect to speak before that motion is put, or to reserve his right and speak on the final question.

9. The yeas and nays shall be called and recorded on any question on the demand of fifteen members.

10. On the first day of the session at two o'clock the list of appointments shall be called and the preachers in charge requested to report collections to treasurer and statistical reports to statistical secretary, and on the second morning after the approval of the minutes, the names of all who have not reported shall be called, and a proper excuse required.

1. When the call of districts for the passage of character is begun, it shall not be in order to interrupt the call for the transaction of other Conference business until all the districts are completed.

Section 2.

1. In all other preliminary matters not specified in the above rules the Conference shall be governed by the well settled principles of common parliamentary law and rules of the General Conference, so far as they will apply to this body.

Circuit Preaching Places.

BUTTE DISTRICT.

AVON: Elliston, Thres Mile.

CLANCY: Jefferson, Corbin.

DRUMMOND: Hall, New Chicago.

HAMILTON: Grantsdale, Soula.

LIMA: Armstead, Dell, Centennial, Monida.

MARYSVILLE: Canyon Creek, Prickley Pear.

MEADOW CREEK: Norris, Ennis, Cameron, Sterling.

MT BETHEL: Wesley Chapel.

OVANDO: Helmville.

RONAN: St. Ignatius, Leon, Round Butte.

SHERIDAN: Virginia City, Ruby, Robber's Roost.

SUPERIOR: Alberton, Quartz, St. Regis.

THOMPSON FALLS: Plains, White Pine, Larchwood, Noxon, Camas.

TOWNSEND: Toston, Radersburg, Keen Chapel.

THREE FORKS: Bench, Madison Valley, Maudlow.

UNITY: Silver Bow Park.

WHITEHALL: Waterloo, Pleasant Valley, Cardwell, Silver Star.

WINSTON: Beaver Creek.

(Beside the above there are occasional preaching services held in connection with our stations and missions under the care of certain churches.)

DILLON gives occasional services at Apex.

MISSOULA has a steady work at the Daly Addition Chapel.

LOCAL PREACHERS BUTTE DISTRICT.

Samuel Fletcher, McAllister, Montana.

Lee Hayes, 1020 West Broadway, Butte, Montana.

R. W. Nicholls, 214 Williams Street, Butte, Montana.

J. B. Penhall, 530 S. Idaho, Butte, Montana.

W. J. Vigus, 2039 Whitman Ave., Butte, Montana.

C. J. Saunders, 3 Pearl St., Butte, Montana.
 John Boyle, 1108 Caledonia St., Butte, Montana.
 T. H. Rodda, 241 Garden Ave., Butte, Montana.
 W. T. Harris, 910 Empire, Butte, Montana.
 Alfred Hester, 1247 West Gold, Butte, Montana.
 Frederick Keam, 936 East Park, Butte, Montana.
 William Nichols, 17 Pearl Street, Butte, Montana.
 W. H. Berryman, 1220 Gallatin Street, Butte, Montana.
 W. H. Thomas, 218 Williams Street, Butte, Montana.
 W. H. Rundle, 231 West Gold Street, Butte, Montana.
 F. C. Reicherts, 2045 S. Gaylord St., Butte, Montana.
 E. H. Lukenbill, 68 West Broadway, Butte, Montana.
 P. F. Hosch, Helena, Montana.
 John Smovier, Helena, Montana.
 Lee Holland, Helena, Montana.
 J. V. Hawk, Helena, Montana.
 Gordon Williams, Helena, Montana.
 W. J. Vigus, Butte, Montana.
 J. S. Vigus, Butte, Montana.

CIRCUITS FOR YELLOWSTONE DISTRICT.

Head of Circuit given first, only regularly established points given.

BIG TIMBER: Reeds Point.
 BIRNEY: Ashland, Otter Creek.
 BRIDGER: Fromberg, Sand Creek.
 BLOOMFIELD: Wold, Twin Buttes, Mt. Pleasant.
 COMANCHE: Acton.
 CLYDE PARK: Wilsal, Porcupine, Sedan, Latt.
 FAIRVIEW, Dore.
 FORSYTH: Rosebud.
 GLENDIVE: Golden Valley.
 HARDIN: Nine Mile.
 HUNTLEY: Wheatley, Worden.
 PARK CITY: Basin.
 PINE CREEK: Mill Creek.
 REDWATER CIRCUIT: Sacred Heights, Ritchie.
 WIBAUX: Woodville.
 PRESTON: Carlyle, Ollie.
 INGOMAR: Hubbard, Sumarta, Bascom, Edwards.
 HILL CREST: Stone Creek.

LOCAL PREACHERS, YELLOWSTONE DISTRICT.

Bozeman, J. A. Rhodes.
 Livingston, Guy Marvin.
 Pine Creek, R. B. Smith, Walter Wampler, D. R. Shorthill.
 (Clyde Park, E. T. Gruell).
 Billings, R. R. Crowe, Percey Fuller, W. H. Clarke, F. C. Cogshaw, Harry Cox.
 Miles City, H. D. Bryant.
 Sidney, Walter Kemis, Carl Bratten, P. F. Blake.
 Wibaux, Guy Rake.

NAME OF CHARGE	NAME OF PASTOR	SUPPORT OF PASTOR		
		Total Claim Includ- ing House Rent	Total Paid Includ- ing House Rent	Rental Value of Parsonage
Baker	Wilder Nutting	960	600	
Big Timber	Geo. Mecklenburg	305	305	
Billings	J. H. Matney	2400	2400	400
Birney	M. B. Holloway	360	360	60
Bloomfield Circuit	R. P. Smith	800	650	50
Bozeman	F. T. Spencer	2200	2200	400
Bridger and Fromberg	G. J. Stephens	1200	1135	300
Clyde Park and Wilsall	W. C. Smith	1170	924	120
Comanche Circuit	A. T. Peck	417	417	180
Fairview	F. C. Fulford	800	800	
Fishtail	W. B. Bliss	400	240	
Forsyth	Fred O. Kelly	1200	1200	250
Glendive	Geo. M. Carter	1500	1500	500
Hardin	Archibald C. Plummer	950	950	200
Huntley Circuit	R. T. Westren	1250	1250	200
Joliet	Henry A. James	730	730	180
Laurel	T. H. Martin	1100	806	200
Livingston	F. O. Linger	1540	1540	240
Miles City	T. H. Barker	1800	1800	600
Park City	Ira F. Rankin	650	650	100
Pine Creek	Fred Whitford	1100	1100	200
Preston and Carlyle	T. L. McCutcheon	400	386	
Red Lodge	W. G. R. Dann	1100	1100	300
Red Water Circuit	S. F. Langdel	300	300	
Sidney	A. L. Hurlbut	1300	1300	300
Sioux Pass		200	200	
Wibaux		480	480	180
	Increase	26612	25323	4960
	Decrease	2800	1697	687

STATISTICIAN'S REPORT

YELLOWSTONE DISTRICT, MONTANA CONFERENCE, 1916

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.								SUNDAY SCHOOLS			BAPTISMS			
FOR	SUPPORT OF DISTRICT SUPER. INTENDENT		SUPPORT OF BISHOPS		SUPPORT OF CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.		Total Paid For Ministerial Support	Total Deficiency	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Total Enrollment in all Departments	Adults Baptized	Children Baptized	Under Instruction as Probationers
	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid								
	360	60	16	12	3	30	6	1062	437	1	9	90		
		12	12	2	2	5	5	324		1	5	84		2
		200	220	40	40	100	100	2760		7	60	1150	30	42
		30	22	6	3	15	2	387	34	1	4	26		2
	150	60		12		30		650	252	4	27	187		
		180	180	36	36	90	105	2521		1	28	340	3	9
	65	90	40	18		45		1175	178	2	16	216	4	6
	246	105	67	58	36	40	36	1027	304	4	28	202		2
		40	50	8	8	20	20	495		2	14	102		1
		70	70	17	5	35	20	895	17	2	14	104		4
	160	40	5	8		20	3	248	220	3	12	102		2
		95	95	16	16	40	40	1351		6	30	400	4	13
		100	100	20	20	50	50	1670		1	22	318	11	12
		75	75	15		37		1025	52	2	20	240		6
		105	105	15	15	32	32	1402		3	42	283		
		55	55	11	5	27	8	798	25	3	15	125		
	294	60	39	12	8	30	20	873	329	2	16	107		2
		130	130	26	26	65	65	1761		1	22	295	3	13
		120	120	24	24	36	36	1980		1	20	335	20	42
		55	55	11	11	28	28	744		2	13	75	2	
		90	90	18	18	45	45	1253		2	18	150		
	14	40	7	8		20		393	75	2	10	90		
		80		16	4	40	40			1	14	175		3
		30	7	6	5	15	15	327	24	3	12	130		1
		100	100	20	20	50	50	1470		1	11	136		4
		20	15	4	3	10	4	222	12	1	5	40		
		30	30	7	4	15	15	529	3	4	15	90		4
0	1289	2072	1705	446	312	970	745	27342	1962	63	502	5592	77	170
7	714	247	193	91	100	76	199	1451	583	4	19	98		
													83	36

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STRICT, MONTANA CONFERENCE, 1916

SUNDAY SCHOOLS			BAPTISMS			CHURCH MEMBERSHIP						EPW LE
Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Total Enrollment in all Departments	Adults Baptized	Children Baptized	Baptized Children who are Under Instruction as Probationers	PROBATIONERS		FULL MEMBERS.				Senior Members
						Enrolled During Year.	Now on Roll	Members on Roll	Non-Resident Members	Local Preachers	Deaths During Year	
1	9	90						40				3
1	5	84		2		12	12	59				1
7	60	1150	30	42	200	50	150	753	65	6	3	12
1	4	26		2				20				2
4	27	187						95			3	
1	28	340	3	9	7	7	2	365	83	1	1	9
2	16	216	4	6	23	6	6	15	12			
4	28	202		2	2			86			1	
2	14	102		1				27			1	
2	14	104		4	4	12	1	58	4		1	3
3	12	102		2				24	4			1
6	30	400	4	13	20	15	21	140	5			3
1	22	318	11	12				130	10		1	1
2	20	240		6			1	65				2
3	42	283						142	10		1	5
3	15	125					5	56			1	
2	16	107		2				62	8		1	2
1	22	295	3	13	8	10	8	262	6	1	2	5
1	20	335	20	42	50	52	57	235	45	2	1	8
2	13	75	2			5		36			2	1
2	18	150			15		15	103	7	2		3
2	10	90				4	30	13				
1	14	175		3			25	64	26			2
3	12	130		1				67	4	3		
1	11	136		4			10	85		2		2
1	5	40						20				
4	15	90		4				65		1		2
63	502	5592	77	170	329	173	343	3087	289	18	19	71
4	19	98			190		49	335	56			
			83	36		90				2	6	1

WORTH LEAGUE		CHURCH PROPERTY								GENERAL CONFERENCE EXPENSES		
	Junior Members	Churches	Estimated Value	Parsonages	Estimated Value	Paid for Buildings and Improvements on Churches and Parsonages	Paid on Old Indebtedness on Churches and Parsonages	Present Indebtedness on Churches and Parsonages	Current Expenses Sexton, Fuel, Light, Etc.	Apportioned for the Quadrennium	Paid This Year	Balance Due for the Quadrennium
30				1	1500	1300		200	120			
13		2	5000	1	1400	240	145		80			
25	160	1	75000	1	5000	20151	8551	11600	3116		5	
21		1	1500	1	800	35						
				1	700			30	50			
95	28	2	12500	2	5000	144	940	2885	850	36	9	27
	69	2	12500	1	3000	104	100	314	183			
		1	2000	1	1000				50			
		1	1800	1	1200	641			25			
30	15	1	1000	1	500	50	435	135	50			
10	5	2	2200				40	140				
30	34	2	11000	1	3000	55	98	150	200		2	
18	20	1	20000	1	4000	338	1221	7525	486		4	
20			300			500			325			
55		3	10700	1	2500	1238	100	735	250			
		3	5500			400	60	900	50		2	
23		1	8500	1	2000		100	700	100	14	3	
56		1	9500	1	1500	430			450	24	6	
84	37	1	25000	1	5000	3000			560	18	4	
10	15	1	2000	1	1000				35			
30		1	3500	1	2000	100			90	20	5	
		1	975						83			
26		1	5000	1	3000			750	350		1	
		1	600			56			10			
20		1	3000	1	2700				120			
		1	700						5			
20		1	2000			50		120	50			
16	383	33	221775	21	46800	28832	11790	26184	7688		41	
		4	32690			14395	2377	3346				
15	112				3540				336		13	

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

YELLOWSTONE DISTRICT, MONTANA

NAMES OF CHARGES.	NAMES OF PASTORS	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Cradle Roll
Baker	Wilder Nutting	1	9	
Big Timber	Geo. Mecklenburg	1	5	
Billings	J. H. Matney	7	60	
Birney	M. B. Holloway	1	4	
Bloomfield Circuit	R. P. Smith	4	27	
Bozeman	F. T. Spencer	1	28	
Bridger and Fromberg	G. J. Stephens	2	16	
Clyde Park and Wilsall	W. C. Smith	4	28	
Comanche Circuit	A. T. Peck	2	14	
Fairview	F. C. Fulford	2	14	
Fishtail	W. B. Bliss	3	12	
Forsyth	Fred O. Kelly	6	30	
Glendive	Geo. M. Carter	1	22	
Hardin	Archibald C. Plummer	2	20	
Huntley Circuit	R. J. Westren	3	42	
Joliet	Henry A. James	3	15	
Laurel	T. H. Martin	2	16	
Livingston	F. O. Linger	1	22	
Miles City	T. H. Barker	1	20	
Park City	Ira F. Rankin	2	13	
Pine Creek	Fred Whitford	2	18	
Preston and Carlyle	T. L. McCutcheon	2	10	
Red Lodge	W. G. R. Dann	1	14	
Red Water Circuit	S. F. Langdel	3	12	
Sidney	A. L. Hurlbut	1	11	
Sioux Pass		1	5	
Wibaux		4	15	
	Totals	63	502	
	Increase	4	19	
	Decrease			

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SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Scholars not including Home Department and Cradle Roll	Members in the Home Dep't.	Children on the Cradle Roll.	Total Enrollment of all Departments: includ'g Cradle Roll, Home Dep't, Officers, Teachers and Scholars	Average Attendance of all Grades	Officers and Teachers who are Church Members or Probationers	Scholars, incl'd'g the Home Dep't. who are Church Members or Probationers	Members of Sunday School Converted during the Conference Year.	Sunday School Expenses: Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.	COLLECEIONS FOR THE BOARD OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS.		
									Church	Sunday School	Ten per cent of S. S. Missionary Off'r'g.
81			90					14			
55	4	18	82	25	5	14	9	600		34	
800	200	150	1150	500	41	450	40	12			
22			26	20	4	6		50			
160			187	100	20	50		138			24
260	12	45	340	151	28	182	7	105			3
200	13	3	216	140	10	15	8	180			
202		2	232	150	50			26			
74		14	102		9			40		5	
90			104	75	13	42	6	28			
90			102	65	5			50		5	4
380		20	400	300	25	100	10	140			4
251		45	318	118	17	36	25	105			
190	10	40	240	150	20			170	11		
242			287	210	40	36		75			
110			125	75	9	36		40	2		3
75		16	107	60	10	15		184		6	13
225	18	30	295	146	22	100	10	175		1	4
214	65	56	335	90		40	56	25			
60			75	60	12	30	3	55		6	2
140			158		18	57	1				
80			90	35	5			60			3
160			175	96	7	35		40	2		
118			130	95	10	25		44		4	2
125			136	57	8	23		20			
35			40	30	5			60			
75			90	82	12						
4602	322	439	5808	2880	405	1292	175	2436	15	61	62
150	222		321		18	81					
		77		177			109	45	18	1	1

SUNDAY SCHOOL

BUTTE DISTRICT, MONTANA

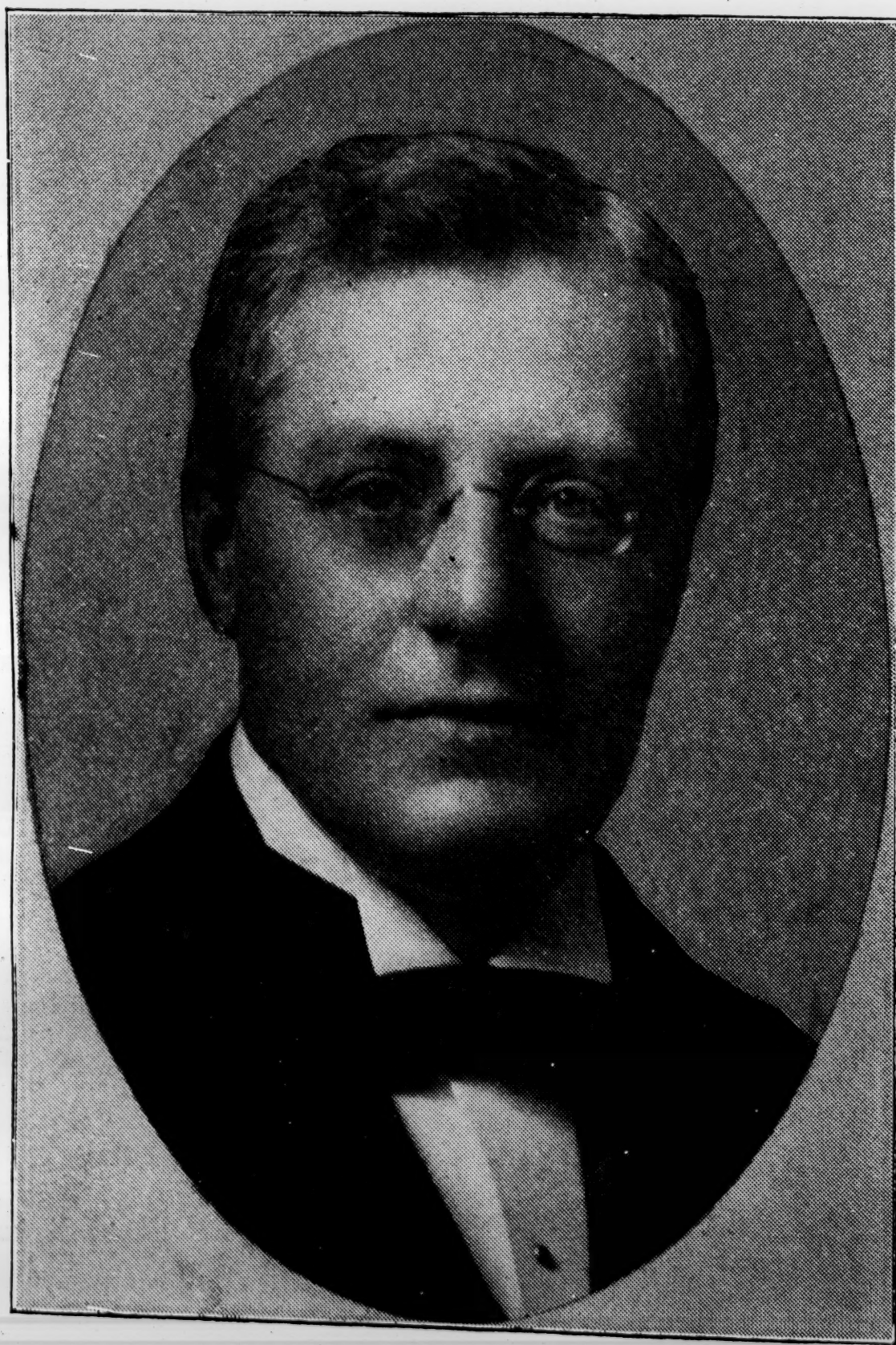
NAMES OF CHARGES.	NAMES OF PASTORS	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Home Department and Cradle Roll
Anaconda	John A. Meeke.....	1	25	
Avon	Walter L. Greer.....	2	9	
Butte—(Mountain View)	George D. Wolfe.....	2	30	
" (Grace)	J. H. Mitchell.....	1	17	
" (Trinity)	John G. Ross.....	1	21	
" (Mt. Bethel).....	C. R. Carlin.....	1	25	
" (Unity)	W. H. Pascoe.....	1	8	
" (Silver Bow Park).....	W. H. Pascoe.....	1	5	
" (Italian Mission)	J. M. A. Papa.....			
Carlton Circuit	Edward C. Bartlett.....	1	3	
Clancy and Jefferson.....	Cecil G. Hannan.....	2	11	
Dillon	H. G. Humphrey.....	1	24	
Drummond and Hall	Harry M. Cooper.....	2	20	
Hamilton	Charles Rhodes	1	18	
Helena—(Oakes Street)	Thomas Hardie	1	9	
" (St. Pauls)	R. C. Edgington.....	1	32	
Marysville	Walter L. Greer.....	1	4	
Meadow Creek	E. D. Swisher.....	3	20	
Missoula	Charles D. Crouch.....	2	43	
Philipsburg	W. H. Calvert.....	1	12	
Sheridan and Ruby	John M. Whiteley.....	3	22	
Stevensville	Edward C. Bartlett.....	1	16	
St. Ignatius and Ronan.....	W. G. Tester.....	4	22	
Superior and Alberton.....	A. C. Hoover.....	2	13	
Thompson Falls and Plains.....	F. E. Dodds.....	4	34	
Three Forks	H. C. Mecklenburg.....	6	40	
Twin Bridges and Pageville.....	Charles E. Cunningham.....	2	12	
Townsend and Radersburg.....	Godfrey Kopriva	3	22	
Whitehall	Thomas R. Clarkson.....	2	16	
Winston and Beaver Creek.....	Walter L. Greer.....	2	7	
Sula	Charles Rhodes	1	4	
Totals.....		56	544	
Increase.....		3	2	
Decrease.....				

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									Church	Sunday School	Ten per cent of S. S. Missionary Off'g.
225	78	40	398	175	20	188	7	150		14	16
31			40	27	3	14		12			
450	100	100	680	300	30	300	25	400	20	7	20
220		18	255	130	15	35	18	237	5		10
279		55	335	165	19	69	14	150		11	
149	24	13	214	104	17		20	60		5	
130		16	154	90	8	25	8	56			2
79			84	62	4	3		42			
9			12	8							
81			92	45	7	15		19		1	1
150		30	180	110	8		14	158	17		7
100			120	75	20	50	25	45		5	
130		10	158	84	18	28	2	100	1		4
			65	40	8	5		38	2		
230			274	168	32	115	26	187	10		8
19			23	16							
55	35	18	120	55	15	25	2	100	2		7
420	80	30	581	350	42	350	41	360	16		20
68	4	20	104	50	12	10	6	40			
211			233	77	8	15	4	235			5
103	12	30	161	71	16	85	1	50	10		3
110			132	78	12	13		80		2	
103	18	4	125	75	7	22					
200	15	35	284	210	22	80	5	85			2
210		50	300	180	15	20		125		1	2
100			112	75	7		6	45		2	
68	15	15	198	154	22	15	12	85		4	
77			93	70	5		1	29			
30			37		6	30		24	13		
59			54	25	3	19	4	12			
4252	381	504	5742	3069	401	1531	241	2942	96	52	107
223		9	319	128		377	39	4	18		8
	21				24					7	



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he finds in his Girdle the keys of life"

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METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

HELD AT

BILLINGS, MONTANA

AUGUST 22-26, 1917

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Conference Chronological Roll

NAME EFFECTIVE ELDERS	ADDRESS	ENTERED MINISTRY	ENTERED MONTANA CONFERENCE
1 Adams, Paul M....	Helena	Montana, 1902.....	Trial, 1902
2 Barker, Thos. H....	Livingston	Montana, 1904.....	Trial, 1904
3 Bartlett, E. C....	Red Lodge	Upper Iowa, 1902..	Transfer, 1909
4 Bliss, Wm. B....	Not known	Nebraska	Transfer, 1913
5 Bovard, Chas. L....	Helena	S. E. Indiana, 1882.	Transfer, 1899
6 Calvert, W. H....	Philipsburg	Kentucky, 1887....	Transfer, 1908
7 Chirgwin, John....	Helena	Montana, 1905.....	Trial, 1905
8 Cooper, Harry M....	Fairview	Des Moines, 1908..	Transfer, 1911
9 Crouch, Chas. D....	Missoula	Montana, 1899.....	Trial, 1899
10 Cunningham, C. E...	Townsend	Arkansas, 1886.....	Transfer, 1899
11 Dodds, F. E....	Thompson Falls....	Detroit, 1897.....	Transfer, 1904
12 Edgington, R. C....	Helena	North Ohio, 1908...	Transfer, 1913
13 Fenton, C. E....	Clyde Park	N. W. Nebraska....	Transfer, 1911
14 Fulford, F. C....	Butte	Montana, 1908.....	Trial, 1908
15 Hardie, Thomas....	Hardin	Montana, 1910.....	Montana, 1910
16 Humphry, H. G....	Dillon	St. Louis, 1901....	Transfer, 1915
17 James, H. A....	Butte	N. W. Iowa, 1884..	Transfer, 1895
18 Kelley, F. O....	Billings	Rock River	Transfer, 1912
19 Kopriva, G.	Twin Bridges	N. Montana, 1914..	Transfer, 1916
20 Lacklen, Jesse....	Anaconda	N. Ohio, 1907.....	Transfer, 1911
21 Linger, F. O....	Lake Basin	Montana, 1910.....	Trial, 1909
22 Martin, T. H....	Miles City	Montana, 1902.....	Trial, 1902
23 Mecklenburg, George	Billings	N. Montana, 1911..	Transfer, 1913
24 Mills, Edward....	Salt Lake City....	Montana, 1902.....	Trial, 1902
25 Mitchell, J. H....	Butte	Wilmington	Transfer, 1914
26 Mecklenburg, H. C..	Denver, Colo.	N. Minnesota, 1911.	Transfer, 1915
27 Nutting, Wilder....	Three Forks	Montana Mis., 1883	Orig'l Member, 1887
28 Papa, J. M. A....	Chicago, Ill.	Montana, 1913.....	Credentials, 1913
29 Parkinson, W. A....	Bloomfield	N. Minnesota, 1904.	Transfer, 1917
30 Pascoe, W. H....	Sidney	Montana, 1903.....	Credentials, 1903
31 Ponath, O. G....	Baker	N. Dakota	Transfer, 1917
32 Rhodes, Chas....	Hamilton	Montana, 1908.....	Trial, 1908
33 Ross, J. G....	Livingston	N. Montana, 1908..	Transfer, 1909
34 Smith, Edward....	Bozeman	Columbia Riv., 1893	Transfer, 1898
35 Smith, R. P....	Bozeman	Montana, 1895.....	Trial, 1895
36 Smith, W. C....	Drummond	Columbia Riv., 1896	Transfer, 1915
37 Spencer, F. T....	Whitehall	Montana, 1905.....	Trial, 1905
38 Stevens, G. J....	Superior	N. Dakota, 1908...	Transfer, 1912
39 Stull, G. C....	U. S. Army....	New Jersey, 1882..	Orig'l Member, 1887
40 Swisher, E. D....	Ronan	Cent. Illinois, 1910	Transfer, 1912
41 Whitford, Fred....	Huntley	Montana, 1907.....	Trial, 1907
42 Whiteley, J. M....	Glendive	Montana, 1908.....	Trial, 1908
43 Wolfe, Geo. D....	Butte	Indiana, 1880.....	Transfer, 1910
SUPERNUMERARY			
44 Beard, Norton F....	Norton, Kan.	Kansas	Transfer, 1913
45 Leland, Thos. F....	Missoula .....	.....	Transfer, 1905
46 Meeke, J. A....	Anaconda	Montana, 1904.....	Trial, 1904
47 Westren, R. T....	Rising Sun, Md....	Upper Iowa	Transfer, 1912
RETIRED			
48 Badcon, J. A....	Seattle, Wash. ....	.....	Transfer, 1905
49 Hosking, John....	Deer Lodge	Montana Miss., 1885	Orig'l Member, 1887
50 King, Geo. D....	Whitehall	Cent. Illinois, 1880.	Orig'l Member, 1887
51 Kershaw, Andrew...	Oakesdale, Wash...	.....	Transfer, 1902
52 Oliver, S. A....	McAllister	Detroit, 1884.....	Transfer, 1888
53 Mills, Jacob	Helena	Montana Miss., 1882	Orig'l Member, 1887
54 Morrison, A. P....	Los Angeles, Cal...	.....	Transfer, 1907
55 Snider, S. E....	McKeesport, Pa....	Upper Iowa, 1872..	Orig'l Member, 1887
56 Tait, Jas. W....	Anaconda	Montana, 1889.....	Credentials, 1889
UNDERGRADUATES			
First Year			
57 Rankin, Ira F....	Dillon	Montana, 1916.....	Trial, 1916
58 Anstice, Fred	Sheridan	N. Montana, 1915..	Transfer, 1917
59 Hannan, Cecil	Helena	N. Montana, 1914..	Transfer, 1917
60 Peck, Aden T....	Park City	Montana, 1917.....	Trial, 1917
61 Trappolini, A.	Butte	Newark, 1916.....	Transfer, 1917
62 Vandemark, M. E...	Helena	Montana, 1917.....	Trial, 1917
Second Year			
63 Greer, W. L....	Helena	Montana, 1914.....	Trial, 1914
64 Starr, J. W....	Evanston, Ill.	Montana, 1914.....	Trial, 1914
Third Year			
65 Blair, H. L....	Stevensville	Montana, 1917.....	Trial, 1917
66 Beard, N. F....	Norton, Kan.	See under Supernum'y	
67 Calfee, W. H....	Joliet	Colorado, 1915.....	Transfer, 1917
68 Hoover, A. C....	Price, Utah	Montana, 1913.....	Trial, 1913
69 Plummer, A. E....	Helena	Montana, 1911.....	Trial, 1911
70 Putnam, L. R....	Osage, Ia.	Montana, 1910.....	Trial, 1910
71 Wolfe, Chas.	Butte	Montana, 1913.....	Trial, 1913
Fourth Year			
72 Carter, G. M....	Bridger	Montana, 1915.....	Trial, 1915
73 Dann, W. G. R....	Forsyth	Puget Sound, 1910..	Transfer, 1914

CONSECRATED DEACONESSES

Roxanna Beck	Helena
Helen Piper	Helena
Ida M. Kling	Helena
Edith Ackerman	Bozeman
Mary Janet Burns	Bozeman
Beatrice E. Butler	Bozeman
H. Grace Linfield	Bozeman
Alice V. Walter	Bozeman

PROBATIONERS

Mildred Christensen	Bozeman
Ruth Leiby	Bozeman
Bertha Swisher	Bozeman

Officers of the Conference

PRESIDENT

Bishop Franklin HamiltonPittsburgh, Pa.

SECRETARY

Paul M. AdamsHelena

ASSISTANTS

Charles Rhodes Thomas Hardie Jesse Lacklen F. O. Kelley

TREASURER

Fred WhitfordHuntley

ASSISTANTS

F. C. Fulford E. D. Swisher

STATISTICIAN

John M. WhiteleyGlendive

ASSISTANTS

H. G. Humphry W. G. R. Dann Godfrey Kopriva

REGISTRAR

Thomas HardieHardin

Conference Committees

TRUSTEES OF THE CONFERENCE

Jacob Mills, S. A. Oliver, H. A. James, E. H. Fisher.

TRIERS OF APPEALS

Jacob Mills, Charles D. Crouch, Charles L. Bovard, R. P. Smith, S. A. Oliver.

BOARD OF STEWARDS

For One Year—R. P. Smith, Charles D. Crouch, J. E. Farnum.

For Two Years—C. L. Bovard, J. A. Meeke, S. E. Dove.

For Three Years—C. E. Cunningham, H. A. James, Albert May.

President, H. A. James; Secretary, J. A. Meeke.

DEACONESS BOARD

For One Year—Mrs. J. F. Mills, Wm. Lutey, R. P. Smith.

For Two Years—Mrs. Edward Smith, Jesse Lacklen, J. H. Mitchell.

For Three Years—Mrs. Geo. Mecklenburg, John Chirgwin, Judge Reynolds.
President, Jesse Lacklen; Secretary, John Chirgwin.

BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

C. L. Bovard, Edward Smith, Frederick Spencer, Thomas Hardie, S. E. Dove, Thomas Layfield, R. J. Cunningham, Mrs. E. O. Valliant.

BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION

C. L. Bovard, Edward Smith, George D. Wolfe, Jesse Lacklen, H. A. James, J. H. Mitchell, William Lutey, F. B. Price, P. H. Sherrard, B. K. Wheeler, J. H. Strain, C. E. Avery.

Officers—President, George D. Wolfe; Vice-President, J. H. Mitchell; Secretary, H. A. James; Treasurer, Jesse Lacklen.

Executive Committee—The Officers and C. L. Bovard and Edward Smith.

EPISCOPAL RESIDENCE

C. L. Bovard, Edward Smith, R. C. Edgington, E. D. Elderkin, E. H. Fisher.

CONFERENCE BOUNDARIES

C. L. Bovard, Edward Smith, Paul M. Adams, Geo. Mecklenburg, Chas. D. Crouch.

BOARD OF CHURCH LOCATION AND ERECTION

Butte District—C. L. Bovard, R. C. Edgington, Paul M. Adams, G. A. Bailey, F. E. Dodds.

Yellowstone District—Edward Smith, Wilder Nutting, H. A. James, F. B. Reynolds, Andrew Seaberg.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

For One Year—Geo. D. Wolfe, H. A. James, R. J. Cunningham, W. H. Lutey.

For Two Years—R. P. Smith, John G. Ross, John Inch, Guy E. Marvin.

For Three Years—Geo. Mecklenburg, Jesse Lacklen, D. R. McRae, Prof. H. McCall.

BOARD OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS

George Mecklenburg, H. G. Humphry, C. E. Fenton, E. D. Elderkin, R. C. Edgington, J. B. Montgomery.

COMMISSION ON FINANCE

T. H. Martin, W. C. House, George Mecklenburg, E. D. Swisher, J. M. Whiteley, E. C. Bartlett, G. M. Marvin, J. H. Inch, W. G. R. Dann.

TRUSTEES MONTANA WESLEYAN COLLEGE

For Term Ending March, 1919—Robert C. Edgington, Charles D. Crouch.

For Term Ending March, 1920—R. P. Smith, Edward Laird Mills.

For Term Ending March, 1921—Jesse Lacklen, J. V. Kohler.

TRUSTEES KIMBALL SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

Geo. D. Wolfe, Prof. R. J. Cunningham. Conference Visitor, Geo. D. Wolfe.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS

John A. Meeke, chairman; Thos. Hardie, registrar.

STANDING COMMITTEES**Conference Relations—**

For One Year—Charles D. Crouch, H. A. James, C. E. Cunningham.

For Two Years—T. H. Barker, C. E. Fenton, George Mecklenburg.

For Three Years—E. C. Bartlett, R. C. Edgington, R. P. Smith.

President—Charles D. Crouch.

Book Concern—A. E. Plummer, Harry M. Cooper, W. C. Smith.

Freedmen's Aid—F. C. Fulford, T. H. Barker, W. H. Pascoe.

Hospitals—Jesse Lacklen, W. G. R. Dann, F. E. Dodds, Geo. Mecklenburg, A. J. Movius, R. M. Pinkney.

Temperance—F. T. Spencer, E. D. Swisher, G. D. Wolfe, W. H. Pascoe, F. E. Dodds, E. C. Bartlett, F. O. Kelley.

Epworth League—J. G. Ross, W. H. Pascoe, Charles Rhodes, J. H. Mitchell, R. C. Edgington.

History and Memoirs—Geo. D. King, Jacob Mills, S. A. Oliver, J. W. Tait, H. A. James.

Resolutions—F. O. Linger, F. E. Dodds, Walter Greer.

Publishing the Minutes—Paul M. Adams, F. O. Kelley, Thomas Hardie, J. M. Whiteley, Fred Whitford, R. C. Edgington.

Auditing—W. H. Calvert, G. J. Stevens.

Pro Rating Secretary—T. H. Martin.

Uniform Method of Church Finance—Geo. Mecklenburg, Jesse Lacklen, Charles D. Crouch.

Conference Quartet—F. O. Kelley, John G. Ross, H. E. Chappell, A. E. Plummer.

Delegates to Federal Council—L. H. Sweetland, Edward Smith.

Fraternal Delegate to Montana Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, South—Geo. D. Wolfe.

Reference—Jacob Mills, S. A. Oliver, E. C. Bartlett.

Courtesies—H. A. James, Charles D. Crouch.

School of the Prophets—Paul M. Adams, George Mecklenburg, R. C. Edgington.

Methodist Review—F. O. Linger.

Disciplinary Questions

1. **Is this Annual Conference Incorporated According to the Requirement of the Discipline?**

It is.

2. **Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conferences?**

Fred C. Anstice, North Montana; William H. Calfee, Colorado; Harry E. Chappell, Puget Sound; John C. Evans, Upper Iowa; Cecil G. Hannan, North Montana; William A. Parkinson, Northern Minnesota; Otto G. Ponath, North Dakota; Amadeo Trappolini, Newark.

3. **Who have been Readmitted?**

None.

4. **Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches?**

None.

5. **Who have been Received on Trial?**

(a) In Studies of First Year. Aden T. Peck, Martin E. Vandemark.

(b) In Studies of Third Year under the Seminary Rule. Henry L. Blair.

6. **Who have been Continued on Trial?**

(a) In Studies of First Year. Fred C. Anstice, Cecil G. Hannan, Ira F. Rankin, Amadeo Trappolini.

(b) In Studies of Second Year. Walter L. Greer, John W. Starr.

(c) In Studies of Third Year. Henry L. Blair, Harry E. Chappell.

(d) In Studies of Fourth Year. None.

7. **Who have been Discontinued?**

None.

8. **Who have been admitted into Full Membership?**

(a) Elected and Ordained Deacons this year. None.

(b) Elected and Ordained Deacons previously. Wm. H. Calfee, George M. Carter.

9. **What Members are in Studies of Third Year?**

(a) Admitted into Full Membership this year. William H. Calfee.

(b) Admitted into Full Membership previously. Norton F. Beard, Albert C. Hoover, Archibald E. Plummer, Leslie R. Putnam, Charles F. Wolfe.

10. **What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?**

George M. Carter, W. G. R. Dann.

11. **What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?**

(a) Elected and Ordained Elders this year. None.

(b) Elected and Ordained Elders previously. None.

(c) Elected and Ordained Elders under the Seminary Rule. None.

12. **What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?**
 - (a) As Local Preachers. None.
 - (b) Under Missionary Rule. Amadeo Trappolini.
 - (c) Under the Seminary Rule. None.
13. **What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?**
 - (a) As Local Deacons. Thomas R. Clarkson, W. Samuel Tester.
 - (b) Under Missionary Rule. None.
14. **Was the Character of each Preacher examined?**

This was strictly done in open conference.
15. **Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences?**

None.
16. **Who have Died?**

None.
17. **Who have been Located at their own Request?**

None.
18. **Who have been Located?**

None.
19. **Who have Withdrawn?**

John C. Evans.
20. **Who have been permitted to Withdraw under Charges or Complaints?**

None.
21. **Who have been Expelled?**

None.
22. **What other personal Notation should be made?**

There is none.
23. **Who are the Supernumerary Ministers, and for what number of years consecutively has each held this Relation?**

(Norton S. Beard) (4), Thomas S. Leland (5), John A. Meeke (1), R. T. Westren (1).
24. **Who are the Retired Ministers?**

J. A. Badcon, John Hosking, George D. King, Andrew Kershaw, S. A. Oliver, Jacob Mills, A. P. Morrison, S. E. Snider, James W. Tait.
25. **Who are the Triers of Appeals?**

Jacob Mills, S. A. Oliver, Charles D. Crouch, Charles L. Bovard, R. P. Smith.
26. **What is the Annual Report of the Conference Board of Home Missions and Church Extension?**

See Report.
27. **What is the Annual Report of the Conference Board of Foreign Missions?**

See Report.
28. **What is the Statistical Report?**

See the Statistician's Report.
29. **What is the Conference Treasurer's Report?**

See the Conference Treasurer's Report.

30. (a) What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer?
\$14,363.
- (b) What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the Annual Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer?
\$16,207.
31. What are the Claims on the Conference Funds?
For annuity distribution, 375 years multiplied by the Disciplinary rate of \$14 per year, \$5,250; for necessitous distribution, \$1,000; total, \$6,250.
32. (a) What has been Received on these Claims?
\$2,800.
- (b) How has it been Applied?
See the Report.
33. What amount has been apportioned to the Pastoral Charges within the Conference, to be raised for the support of Conference Claimants?
\$2,410.
34. What amount has been paid by the Conference Treasurer to the Board of Conference Claimants for Connectional Relief?
\$90.
35. Where are the Preachers Stationed?
See List of Appointments.
36. Where shall the Next Conference be held?
Dillon, Mont.

Appointments

Yellowstone District

Edward Smith, Superintendent	Bozeman (2)
Alzada	To be supplied
Angela and Hill Crest	Supplied by F. M. Cass, Sr. (1)
Baker	O. G. Ponath (1)
Big Timber Circuit	Supplied by Otho Wise (1)
Billings	George Mecklenburg (5)
Birney Circuit	Supplied by P. B. Fritch (1)
Bloomfield	W. A. Parkinson (2)
Bozeman	R. P. Smith (3)
Bridger and Fromberg	(G. M. Carter) (2)
Comanche Circuit	(H. E. Chappell) (2)
Clyde Park	C. E. Fenton (1)
Fairview	H. M. Cooper (1)
Forsythe	(W. G. R. Dann) (1)
Fishtail Circuit	Supplied by S. F. Langdall (1)
Glendive	J. M. Whiteley (2)
Hardin	Thomas Hardie (2)
Huntley Circuit	Fred Whitford (2)
Ingomar Circuit	Supplied by B. F. Horton (1)
Joliet Circuit	(W. H. Calfee) (2)
Laurel	F. M. Latham (1)
Lake Basin	F. O. Linger (1)
Livingston	J. G. Ross (1)
Miles City	T. H. Martin (5)
Park City	(A. T. Peck) (1)
Pine Creek	Thomas Barker (4)
Red Lodge	E. C. Bartlett (2)
Red Water Circuit	Supplied by T. L. McCutcheon (3)
	Post Office Axtell
Richey	Supplied by C. T. Weeks (1)
Sidney	W. H. Pascoe (1)
Wibaux	To be supplied
Wilsall	Thomas Miller (1)

Butte District

Charles L. Bovard, Superintendent	Helena (2)
Anaconda	Jesse Lacklen (2)
Avon and Marysville	(C. G. Hannan) (1)
Butte—	
Grace	J. H. Mitchell (4)
Italian Mission	(A. Trappolini) (2)

Mount Bethel and Wesley	Supplied by T. H. Clarkson (1)
Mountain View	George D. Wolfe (8)
	Assistant (Charles F. Wolfe) (1)
Silver Bow	Supplied by J. B. Penhall (1)
Trinity	H. A. James (1)
Unity	F. C. Fulford (1)
Big Blackfoot	To be supplied
Clancy	Supplied by John Dix
Dillon	H. G. Humphry (3)
Dillon Circuit	(Ira F. Rankin) (1)
Drummond and Hall	W. C. Smith (1)
Hamilton and Sula	Charles Rhodes (4)
Helena—	
Oakes St.	(A. E. Plummer) (2)
St. Paul's	R. C. Edgington (5)
	Assistant (W. L. Greer) (1)
Meadow Creek	To be supplied
Missoula	Charles D. Crouch (4)
Philipsburg	W. H. Calvert (3)
Ronan	E. D. Swisher (2)
St. Ignatius	Supplied by W. S. Tester (1)
Sheridan	(Fred Anstice) (2)
Superior, Alberton and Plains	G. J. Stephens (1)
Stevensville	(H. L. Blair) (2)
Stevensville Circuit	(H. L. Blair) (2)
Thompson Falls	F. E. Dodds (5)
Three Forks	Wilder Nutting (1)
Townsend	C. E. Cunningham (1)
Twin Bridges	G. Kopriva (1)
Winston	Supplied by F. M. Cass, Jr. (1)
Whitehall	F. T. Spencer (2)

Special Appointments

G. C. Stull, Chaplain U. S. A., Billings Quarterly Conference.

Paul M. Adams, Vice-President Montana Wesleyan College, St. Paul's Quarterly Conference. (4)

(A. C. Hoover), Principal Price Academy, Price, Utah. (2)

John Chirgwin, Field Agent Montana Deaconess School, St. Paul's Quarterly Conference. (5)

Edward Laird Mills, Frontier Secretary Board of Home Missions and Church Extension. (2)

Fred O. Kelley, Conference Evangelist, Billings Quarterly Conference. (3)

(J. W. Starr), (M. E. Vandemark), Henry C. Mecklenburg, Wm. B. Bliss, and J. M. A. Papa left without appointment to attend school.

Names in parentheses refer to undergraduates. Figures in parentheses refer to the years of service in the appointment including 1917-18.

Missionary Appropriations 1917-18

Yellowstone District

District	\$200
Alzada	100
Angela	150
Baker	250
Big Timber	175
Birney	175
Bloomfield	175
Comanche	150
Fishtail	150
Hardin	375
Ingomar	250
Joliet	150
Laurel	200
Lake Basin	250
Park City	100
Red Lodge	100
Red Water	150
Richey	150
Wibaux	150
At the discretion of the District Superintendent.....	100

I concur,

FRANKLIN HAMILTON.

Butte District

Avon and Marysville	\$150
Italian Mission	900
Mount Bethel and Wesley	100
Silver Bow	100
Big Blackfoot	250
Clancy and Jefferson	100
Dillon Circuit	250
Hamilton and Sula	150
Oakes Street	150
Philipsburg	300
Ronan	175
St. Ignatius	125
Superior, Alberton and Plains	250
Stevensville Circuit	100
Thompson Falls	350
Three Forks	350
Twin Bridges	250
Whitehall	100
At disposal of District Superintendent	100

I concur,

FRANKLIN HAMILTON.

Daily Proceedings

FIRST DAY, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22, 1917

Devotions—The thirty-first session of the Montana Annual Conference convened in the First Church at Billings, Mont., at 8:30 A. M. Charles D. Crouch had charge of the devotions at the request of the Bishop, after which the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by Bishop Franklin Hamilton, assisted by the District Superintendents, Charles D. Crouch, the pastor of the Church, George Mecklenburg, and Rev. W. W. Van Orsdel of the North Montana Conference.

Memorial Session—S. A. Oliver was called to the chair. After singing, "Blest be the tie that binds," prayer was offered by J. M. Whiteley. Edward Smith read the memoir on the life of Sister Martin. (See Memoirs.) C. L. Bovard, W. H. Pascoe, and E. C. Bartlett addressed the Conference on her optimistic Christian life.

Charles L. Bovard spoke of the passing away of I. N. Smith, a member of the West Ohio Conference. Charles D. Crouch, W. W. Van Orsdel, and E. C. Bartlett also spoke. Charles D. Crouch was requested to prepare an obituary for publication in the Minutes.

The brethren who through illness could not be present were remembered. A letter from J. W. Tait was read and a committee consisting of Edward Smith, S. A. Oliver, and H. A. James was appointed to send Brother Tait a kindly message of greeting. Paul M. Adams moved and it was adopted that every member write Geo. D. Wolfe, who through sickness could not attend, a card of greeting.

Organization—Bishop Hamilton called the Conference to order at 10 A. M. He expressed his pleasure in meeting the Montana brethren. On motion of Edward Smith, the bar of the Conference was fixed at the first five rows of seats across the church, and the members of the Montana Conference present were invited to sit within the bar.

Roll—The Secretary of the last session called the roll of the Conference and the following answered to their names: EFFECTIVE ELDERS: Paul M. Adams, Thomas H. Barker, E. C. Bartlett, Charles L. Bovard, W. H. Calvert, John Chirgwin, Harry M. Cooper, Charles D. Crouch, C. E. Cunningham, F. E. Dodds, R. C. Edgington, C. E. Fenton, Fred C. Fulford, Thomas Hardie, H. G. Humphry, H. A. James, F. O. Kelley, Godfrey Kopriva, Jesse Lacklen, F. O. Linger, T. H. Martin, John A. Meeke, Geo. Mecklenburg, Edward Laird Mills, J. H. Mitchell, H. C. Mecklenburg, Wilder Nutting, W. H. Pascoe, Charles Rhodes, John G. Ross, Edward Smith, R. P. Smith, W. C. Smith, F. T. Spencer, G. J. Stephens, E. D. Swisher, Fred Whitford, John M. Whiteley.

Retired—S. A. Oliver. (Jacob Mills arrived on Thursday.)

Undergraduates—Walter L. Greer, A. E. Plummer, Geo. M. Carter, W. G. R. Dann.

Transfers—The names of those who had been transferred into the Conference during the year were read and the following responded to their names: Fred C. Anstice, North Montana; W. H. Calfee, Colorado; Cecil G. Hannan, North Montana; Harry E. Chappell, Puget Sound.

John C. Evans, transferred from the Upper Iowa, was not present.

Election of Officers—Paul M. Adams was elected Secretary and named as his assistants Charles Rhodes, Thomas Hardie, Jesse Lacklen, and Fred O. Kelley.

John M. Whiteley was elected Statistician and named his assistants H. G. Humphry, W. G. R. Dann, and Godfrey Kopriva.

Fred Whitford was named Treasurer. He chose as his assistants F. C. Fulford and E. D. Swisher.

On motion of Charles D. Crouch the printed rules in the Minutes were made the Rules of Order.

On motion of Paul M. Adams, the printed copy of the Minutes was made the Official Journal of the Conference.

The time of adjournment was set at the hour of noon.

Correction of Standing Committees—R. P. Smith was named among the Triers of Appeals, in the place of J. W. Tait. On the committees for Conference boundaries were added the names of George Mecklenburg and Chas. D. Crouch. On the District Board of Church Erection and Location G. A. Bailey takes the place of J. A. Doughty. Commission on Finance, G. E. Marvin in place of F. W. Gates. On the Board of Education, Geo. R. Davies was named in place of H. A. Davee. R. C. Edgington and R. P. Smith were added to the Committee on Conference Relations. This committee is to be grouped into three classes, one third to go out at the end of this year, one third at the end of the second year, and one third at the end of the third year.

On the Committee on Freedmen's Aid, W. B. Bliss was dropped and W. H. Pascoe added. Henry L. Blair in the place of W. B. Bliss on the Committee on Hospitals. Geo. D. Wolfe substituted for R. T. Westren on Temperance Committee. History and Memoirs, H. A. James was added. Resolutions, W. G. R. Dann was named instead of W. B. Bliss. Delegates to Federal Council to be L. H. Sweetland and Edward Smith. Fraternal Delegate to the Methodist Church, South, Geo. D. Wolfe. The following committees were added to the number: Reference, Jacob Mills, S. A. Oliver, and E. C. Bartlett. F. O. Linger was appointed to represent the *Methodist Review*. F. O. Kelley was named reporter.

Question No. 14 was called. The character of Charles L. Bovard, Superintendent of the Butte District, was called and he read his report. (See Report.)

Introductions—Dr. Patrick J. Maveety of the Freedmen's Aid Society, R. H. Hughes, editor of the *Pacific Christian Advocate*, and Ernest Dailey Smith of the Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals were separately introduced and addressed the Conference. A check amounting to \$734 from the Book Concern was presented to the Conference and turned over to the chairman of the Board of Stewards. The announcements were made and the Conference adjourned, with the benediction by Dr. Maveety.

The Statistical Session convened at half-past one, with S. A. Oliver in the chair. After devotions, the roll was called and the brethren responded with their reports. Adjourned.

SECOND DAY, THURSDAY, AUGUST 23

After the devotions by Dr. W. W. Van Orsdel, the Conference convened, with the Bishop in the chair. The Minutes were read and approved.

The discussion of **Disciplinary Question No. 14** was resumed. The character of Edward Smith, Superintendent of the Yellowstone District, was passed and he read his report. (See Report.)

The names of the following effective elders on the Butte District were read, their characters were passed, and they made their reports: Jesse Lacklen, J. H. Mitchell, G. J. Stephens, John G. Ross, W. H. Pascoe, H. G. Humphry, H. M. Cooper, Charles Rhodes, R. C. Edgington, Charles D. Crouch, W. H. Calvert, E. D. Swisher, F. E. Dodds, George Mecklenburg, Godfrey Kopriva, C. E. Cunningham, and Frederick Spencer. The character of Geo. D. Wolfe was passed and in his absence his report was made by his Superintendent. Charles L. Bovard moved to refer the case of John A. Meeke, who failed to go to his charge, to the Committee on Conference Relations. The motion prevailed.

The names of the following elders on the Yellowstone District were called, their characters were passed, and they made their reports: Wilder Nutting, George Mecklenburg, R. P. Smith, W. C. Smith, F. C. Fulford, J. M. Whiteley, Thomas Hardie, Fred Whitford, C. E. Fenton, H. A. James, T. H. Martin, F. O. Linger, T. H. Barker, E. C. Bartlett. On motion of Edward Smith, the case of R. T. Westren, who left his charge during the year, was left to the Committee on Conference Relations. The character of W. B. Bliss, who was not present to make his report, was passed.

The characters of the following on detached service were passed: Geo. C. Stull, Paul M. Adams, A. C. Hoover, John Chirgwin, Edward Laird Mills, and F. O. Kelley.

Edward Smith moved that the case of John C. Evans, who had been transferred from the Upper Iowa Conference during the year and who has since left this Conference, be referred to the Committee on Conference Relations. This was carried.

Edward Laird Mills moved and it was carried that Leslie R. Putnam be asked to locate, notice to be given by his Superintendent.

Question No. 2—Who have been transferred into the Conference? The Bishop announced the transfer of W. A. Parkinson from the Northern Minnesota Conference and his character was passed.

Order of the Day—The Bishop announced that at 9 A. M. to-morrow the Conference would go into executive session to consider candidates for admission, and that at 10 A. M. he would address the classes for admission on trial and in full connection.

Conference Boundaries—Charles L. Bovard presented the following resolution and it was adopted:

WHEREAS, In view of certain changes in the facilities for travel within the boundaries of our state—there now being four railway lines from

north to south—thus bringing the two conferences, North Montana and Montana, into more convenient fellowship; and

WHEREAS, The rapid development of certain sections of our state present new difficulties in supervision and in evangelization not contemplated up to the time of the present formation of our Conferences; and

WHEREAS, The question of boundaries between these conferences has already reached a stage where certain enabling acts have been granted us by the General Conference; therefore be it

Resolved, That we appoint at this present session of the Montana Conference a commission of five, inclusive of our District Superintendents, to meet with a like commission from our sister conference, which joint commission, under the presidency of the resident Bishop of our Area, shall give the whole question a thorough and detailed study and report for definite action to the next sessions of our respective conferences, under special order of the day, some plan for the readjustment of our boundaries.

EDWARD SMITH,
CHARLES L. BOVARD,
PAUL M. ADAMS,
Committee.

(N. B. The above-named committee with Geo. Mecklenburg and Chas. D. Crouch was named as the commission.)

Question No. 23—Who are the Supernumerary Preachers? Norton F. Beard and T. S. Leland. On motion of Chas. D. Crouch, Norton F. Beard was asked to locate and his Superintendent was requested to notify him.

Question No. 24—Who are the retired ministers? Upon recommendation of the Committee on Conference Relations the following were continued as the retired preachers: J. A. Badcon, John Hosking, Andrew Kershaw, Geo. D. King, Jacob Mills, A. P. Morrison, S. A. Oliver, S. E. Snider, and Jas. W. Tait.

Question No. 36—Where shall the next session of the Conference be held? On motion of C. L. Bovard, each speaker was limited to two minutes. H. G. Humphry put in nomination Dillon, T. H. Martin, Miles City, and J. M. Whiteley, Glendive. On the first ballot Dillon received twenty-two votes, Miles City six, and Glendive sixteen. On the second ballot Dillon received twenty-eight votes and Glendive eighteen. On motion of Edward Smith, the invitation to Dillon was unanimously accepted.

Education—The report of the Committee on Education was submitted by John G. Ross as follows:

We, your Committee on Education, desire to nominate for the Board of Education the following committee:

For One Year—Geo. D. Wolfe, H. A. James, R. J. Cunningham, and W. H. Lutey.

For Two Years—R. P. Smith, John G. Ross, John Inch, and Guy E. Marvin.

For Three Years—George Mecklenburg, Jesse Lacklen, R. D. McRae, and Professor McCall.

We also recommend that this Board of Education, with the presiding Bishop, the president and trustees of Montana Wesleyan College, and the District Superintendents, be elected to consider the jubilee campaign and the forward movement for our Montana Wesleyan College and report on same to this Conference, and that this report be made the order of the day immediately after the reading of the Journal to-morrow morning.

JOHN G. ROSS,
R. P. SMITH,
H. A. JAMES.

R. P. Smith moved its adoption and it was adopted.

By common consent the report of the Committee on Education adopted at the North Montana Conference was made the report of the committee named in the last paragraph of this report, and J. W. Hancher, associate secretary of the Board of Education, and President Sweetland of the college were introduced and presented the substance of the proposed action. By motion of J. H. Mitchell the report was unanimously adopted with the understanding that the Conference Board of Education should substitute names of ten laymen in the Montana Conference for those named in the adopted report. (See Report.)

Introductions—Borden B. Kessler, S.T.B., of the Iliff School of Theology was introduced and addressed the Conference. The time was extended to allow Mrs. Miller of the Woman's Home Missionary Society and Joseph Pope of the Anti-Saloon League to represent their work.

Those who were delinquent in making their reports were named.

The Announcements were made and the Conference adjourned, with the benediction by President Sweetland.

THIRD DAY, FRIDAY, AUGUST 24

After the devotions led by Borden B. Kessler, Conference convened at 9 A. M., the Bishop in the chair. The Minutes were read and approved.

The Order of the Day—The Conference went into executive session. The floor was cleared of visitors and Geo. M. Stevens and Frederick Spencer were appointed doorkeepers.

Question No. 8B—Who have been admitted into full membership? was taken up. Geo. M. Carter on trial in the studies of the third year was considered. The Board of Examiners and the Committee on Conference Relations reported favorably. His District Superintendent reported his work and presented the following motion: That his character be passed, that he be graduated from the studies of the third year and passed into the studies of the fourth year and that after he give satisfactory response to the disciplinary questions that he be admitted into full membership. The proper responses were made and he was so admitted.

Question No. 5A—The Board of Examiners reported that Martin E. Vandemark had satisfied them in regard to the requirements for admission on trial. The Board of Conference Relations reported favorably. His District Superintendent represented his case and on his motion he was admitted on trial and placed in the studies of the first year.

On motion of R. P. Smith, the case of Aden T. Peck was referred back to the Board of Examiners and the Committee on Conference Relations, together with the cases of Thomas Clarkson and Wm. Tester, who were seeking local elder's orders and the committees were excused to discuss these matters.

Question No. 5B—Henry L. Blair was admitted into the Conference and placed in the studies of the third year.

Edward Smith moved and it was carried that in the case of Aden T. Peck the Conference age limit be removed.

Question No. 2—Superintendent Bovard reported that Amadeo Trappolini, Italian missionary in Butte, was a member of the Newark Conference on trial in the studies of the first year. The Conference on his motion requested that he be transferred to this Conference and placed in the studies of the first year. Bishop Hamilton announced that he would write such a transfer and deposit it with the Secretary subject to the approval of Bishop Wilson.

Edward Smith moved that the Conference appoint a committee to see that the graves of the honored dead within the bounds of the Conference be decorated on Memorial Day. By common consent it was left in his care.

Paul M. Adams presented a report from the School of the Prophets requesting that a committee of two be appointed to act in conjunction with a similar committee from the North Montana Conference and the vice-president of the school. The report was adopted. (The committee is Geo. Mecklenburg and R. C. Edgington.)

The Secretary also presented a resolution in regard to change of name of Montana Wesleyan University. This report was drawn up and its adoption requested by the secretary of the board of trustees of the university. It was adopted. (See Reports.)

Committee on Conference Relations—Charles D. Crouch, chairman of the committee, reported as follows:

First—That R. T. Westren be requested to locate, and that his Superintendent so inform him.

Second—That Thomas F. Leland be continued in the supernumerary relation, his Superintendent to so notify him.

Third—That the character of John A. Meeke be passed.

The report was adopted.

The committee further recommended that after the payment of his Book Concern account and the surrender of his parchments, John C. Evans be permitted to withdraw. The matter was, on motion of Charles L. Bovard, reported back to the committee for further action after conference with Brother Evans.

Question No. 8—Who have been admitted into full membership? was again taken up. W. H. Calfee, on trial in the studies of the third year, was on motion of Edward Smith admitted into full connection.

Question No. 5—The Board of Examiners recommended that Aden T. Peck be passed in his studies for admission on trial. The Board of Conference Relations recommended that he be admitted on trial, and on motion of his District Superintendent these recommendations were accepted.

Question No. 13A—Who have been elected and ordained elders? As local deacons, Thomas Clarkson and William Samuel Tester were passed by the Board of Examiners, recommended by the Committee on Conference Relations, and elected on motion of their District Superintendents to local elder's orders.

The Conference then went out of Executive Session—The classes for full admission and for admission on trial were then called before the bar of the Conference and addressed by the Bishop. The members of the class for full admission answered the disciplinary questions. A verse of a song was

sung and the members of the Conference and visitors passed before the class to welcome each with a cordial grasp of the hand.

By a motion of high privilege the time was extended to permit President Sweetland to present the campaign for a new dormitory. On motion of Charles L. Bovard, Sunday, September 9, was set aside as the day for launching the campaign—to be known as Wesleyan Sunday—and that the week from September 2 to September 9 be devoted to the purpose of completing the list of \$100 subscriptions.

The Secretary moved and it was carried that ten o'clock on Saturday be set aside as the Order of the Day to hear a report of the Committee on Publishing the Minutes and for the roll of the Conference to secure subscriptions for that purpose.

The Order of the Day was also set at 10:15 for the corporate session. The roll of the committees was called, the pastor made his announcements, and the Conference adjourned by limitation of time, with the benediction by Jacob Mills.

FOURTH DAY, SATURDAY, AUGUST 25

The Devotions were led by Borden B. Kessler.

Conference Convened at 9 A. M., the Bishop in the chair. The Minutes were read and approved.

Question No. 2—The Bishop announced the following transfers: Amadeo Trappolini, Newark; William A. Parkinson, Northern Minnesota; Fred C. Anstice and Cecil G. Hannan from the North Montana.

The Secretary announced the amount of the communion collection, amounting to \$13.40. This amount was turned over to Bishop Hamilton for the colored work in the South. The Bishop acknowledged its receipt and thanked the Conference for the offering.

Question No. 12B—Who have been elected to deacon's orders? Under the missionary rule Superintendent Bovard presented the case of Amadeo Trappolini. The Board of Conference Relations concurred and he was elected to deacon's orders under the missionary rule.

On motion of Superintendent Bovard, it was decided that J. M. A. Papa be left without appointment to attend one of our schools.

Report of the Board of Examiners—Jesse Lacklen, Registrar, announced that the board was ready to report and the classes were taken up.

Question No. 6—Who have been continued on trial? Ira F. Rankin, who has been in school for the past year, was passed in character, made his report, and was continued on trial in the studies of the first year.

Question No. 6B—Walter L. Greer and John W. Starr, who have been attending school, were passed in character and continued in the studies of the second year.

Question No. 10—What members are in the studies of the fourth year? Geo. M. Carter and W. G. R. Dann were passed in character and advanced from the studies of the third year into the studies of the fourth year.

Question No. 6C—Who have been continued on trial in the studies of the third year? Harry E. Chappell was advanced from the studies of the second year into the studies of the third year and his character passed.

Henry L. Blair, who had been received on trial the day before was placed in the studies of the third year.

Question No. 9—What members are in the studies of the third year? William H. Calfee, transferred from the Colorado Conference, was placed in the studies of the third year.

The following men admitted into full connection previously were continued in the studies of the third year and their characters passed: Charles F. Wolfe, A. E. Plummer, A. C. Hoover, Norton F. Beard, and Leslie R. Putnam.

Question No. 5A—Martin E. Vandemark and Aden T. Peck, admitted into Conference on trial, were placed into the studies of the first year. On motion of Edward Smith, the Registrar was instructed to ascertain from the North Montana Conference the standing of Fred C. Anstice and Cecil G. Hannan and to make proper entry.

John A. Meeke presented the new method of financing the General Conference Board of Conference Claimants and requested that the Conference accept an apportionment of \$131 for that purpose, this apportionment to be in lieu of the five per cent of the five per cent formerly used for that purpose. Charles L. Bovard moved its adoption and it was adopted.

Question No. 23 was taken up and John A. Meeke, on his own request, was placed on the supernumerary list.

Question No. 1—Is this Conference incorporated? It is.

Question No. 19—Who have withdrawn? On motion of Charles D. Crouch and the recommendation of the Board of Conference Relations it was voted that John C. Evans, after he has surrendered his parchments and paid his Book Concern account, be permitted to withdraw.

Question No. 25—Who are the Triers of Appeals? On motion of the District Superintendents, Jacob Mills, S. A. Oliver, Charles D. Crouch, Charles L. Bovard, and R. P. Smith were named the Triers of Appeals.

Question No. 28—John M. Whiteley, the Statistician, made his report and it was adopted.

Order of the Day—The Committee on Publishing the Minutes recommended the acceptance of the bid of the Book Concern of \$1.71 a page, the printing of 800 copies, and the assessment of four mills on the cash salary of all men in active work. The report was adopted.

R. C. Edgington moved and it was carried that the names of those who failed to pay their assessment be read in open Conference on the first day of the ensuing session.

Corporate Session—S. A. Oliver took the chair. Jacob Mills read the Treasurer's Report, and on motion of John Chirgwin it was adopted.

Jacob Mills explained the status of the old district parsonage matters at Bozeman.

In the matter of the Dixon property, on motion of C. L. Bovard the trustees were given the privilege of arranging an exchange of lots to accommodate the request of the school board, providing that an equal amount of land in good church location be secured. Edward Smith moved that in view of the fact that a technical error occurs in deeds for church lots at Ashland by which the schoolhouse stands on our lots, the local trustees

exchange said deed for similar lots well located for church purposes and this was adopted.

Jacob Mills spoke of Mr. Wheeler's offer to donate a house and lots in the city of Helena to the Board of Trustees on condition that the board pay him an annuity of \$80 a year. On motion the matter was left in the hands of the board with power to act.

John A. Meeke moved and it was adopted that Jacob Mills and H. A. James be the ministerial trustees and that E. H. Fisher and J. A. Doughty be the lay members of the trustees of the Conference, and on motion of Jacob Mills, the Secretary was instructed to cast a ballot for these trustees. The corporate session adjourned.

Conference Session Resumed—Bishop Hamilton took the chair. A telegram from Geo. D. Wolfe was read, thanking the brethren for their loving messages, and replying with 2 Thess. 1:11, 12.

Introductions—J. Powell, chairman of the Federated Churches of Christ in Montana, was introduced and addressed the Conference. W. H. Gillespie of the Wyoming Conference was introduced. He loaned to the Conference for the remainder of the session a gavel, the property of the Wyoming Conference, made from wood taken from several historic places.

Three Forks Church Note—Charles L. Bovard brought up the matter of the Three Forks Church note. John Chirgwin moved that the Conference raise \$125, place it in the hands of the Treasurer until the people of Three Forks raise a like amount, that this \$250 be paid on the principal of the note, and that then a new note be drawn for \$750 and endorsed by the members of the Conference. This was carried. On motion of Charles L. Bovard, the necessary details were left in the hands of John Chirgwin.

H. G. Humphry was excused from further attendance at this session.

Reports—H. C. Mecklenburg represented the Ministers' Library Association. The report was adopted and on motion every minister was urged to join.

John A. Meeke presented the report of the Board of Stewards and it was adopted.

Jesse Lacklen read the report of the Deaconess Board and it was adopted, after being amended by motion of J. H. Mitchell.

Order of the Day was called and the Lay and Ministerial Conferences met in joint session. The president of the Laymen's Association, E. E. Collins, was introduced and addressed the body. Mrs. Wilder Nutting read the resolutions of the Laymen's Association. John Chirgwin, field secretary of the Deaconess School, represented that institution. Dr. Fulkerson of the Board of Foreign Missions represented the work of that board.

Geo. Mecklenburg moved and it was carried that when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet at 5 P. M.

The announcements were made and the Conference adjourned, with the benediction by Dr. Fulkerson.

Afternoon Session

The Conference met in adjourned session at 5 P. M., Bishop Hamilton in the chair. The Minutes were read and approved as corrected. On motion of

R. C. Edgington, the resolutions of the Laymen's Association were heartily endorsed and approved.

George Mecklenburg moved and it was adopted that we recommend the election of a lay delegate at the First Quarterly Conference and that the delegate to the Laymen's Association be responsible for the collection of the \$1.00 assessment.

Minute Business, Question No. 29—The Conference Treasurer read his report and it was adopted.

Question No. 30A—What is the aggregate of the benevolent collections ordered by the General Conference? \$14,363.

Question No. 30B—What is the aggregate of the collections ordered by the Conference? \$16,207.

Question No. 31—What are the claims on the Conference funds? \$6,250.

Question No. 32A—What has been received on these claims? \$2,892.

Question No. 32B—How has it been applied? See Report.

Question No. 33—What amount has been apportioned to pastoral charges within the Conference for the support of conference claimants? \$2,410.

Question No. 34—What amount has been paid by the Conference Treasurer to the Board of Conference Claimants for Connectional Relief? \$90.

On motion of Charles D. Crouch, it was decided that the sum of \$131 be deducted from the five per cent apportionment to the charges for the support of conference claimants in lieu of the usual five per cent of the five per cent.

It was moved by Charles L. Bovard that in view of the fact that this motion and the one adopted at the morning session were contradictory that we reconsider and amend the morning report by substituting this motion for the corresponding part involved in that report. The motion to reconsider carried and the report was amended.

Question No. 26—J. H. Mitchell presented the report of the Board of Home Missions and it was adopted. As a part of the report the Conference adopted the Centenary contract. It also endorsed the program of the board for the work among the concentration camps.

Question No. 27—Frederick Spencer presented the report of the Board of Foreign Missions and it was adopted.

The Standing Committees were put in nomination by Edward Smith and adopted by the Conference.

Deaconess Board—Jesse Lacklen moved to substitute a new personnel for the Deaconess Board instead of those named in the report adopted at the morning session and to add a paragraph concerning the Butte Hospital. It was adopted. (The printed report contains the substituted list.)

By motion of C. E. Fenton, it was decided to have another session at the close of the evening lecture. By request of Bishop Hamilton, Edward Smith nominated the presiding officer (Henry James).

On motion of high privilege President Sweetland was permitted to address the Conference on matters pertaining to the dormitory campaign.

The Conference adjourned, with the benediction by Bishop Hamilton.

ADJOURNED SESSION, SATURDAY, 9:45 P. M.

The Conference convened, Henry James in the chair. The Minutes were read and approved.

Reports of Committees—The following reports of committees were read and adopted: Auditing, Board of Education, Epworth League, Commission on Finance, Sunday Schools, Temperance, Freedmen's Aid, and Resolutions.

Edward C. Bartlett moved that the Committee on Temperance send, on behalf of this Conference, suitable resolutions to the President, Senate, and House of Representatives. This was adopted.

On motion of Charles D. Crouch, the Secretary was given power to edit or abridge the reports in the Minutes.

The Minutes were read and approved.

On motion of Charles D. Crouch, the Conference adjourned to meet at half-past six to-morrow night.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26

The Conference convened at 9:30 P. M., Bishop Hamilton in the chair.

Question No. 2 was taken up. Bishop Hamilton announced the transfer of Otto G. Ponath from the North Dakota Conference. President Sweetland was permitted to speak concerning his conference relation, and Bishop Hamilton announced that he was transferred to the North Montana Conference from the Rock River Conference. The complimentary resolutions were read.

The Bishop read the missionary appropriations. They were adopted. The Conference, after the reading of the appointments, adjourned sine die.

CERTIFICATE

The foregoing is the official Journal of the thirty-first session of the Montana Annual Conference at a session held in Billings, Mont., August 22-26, 1917.

(Signed) FRANKLIN HAMILTON, *Presiding Officer*.
PAUL M. ADAMS, *Secretary*.

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION

This is to certify that at Billings, Mont., on August 26, 1917, I ordained as deacon Amadeo Trappolini, and as elders W. Samuel Tester and Thomas R. Clarkson. I also consecrated as deaconess Alice V. Walter.

(Signed) FRANKLIN HAMILTON.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LAY ASSOCIATION
HELD AT BILLINGS, MONT., IN THE BASEMENT OF
THE M. E. CHURCH, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY,
AUGUST 24, 25, 1917**

Meeting called to order at 9:15 A. M. Friday morning, August 24, opening with singing and prayer, President E. E. Collins in the chair.

Upon motion Howard Bawden was made secretary pro tem.

Moved that the chair be instructed to appoint three committees, viz., on Credentials, Nominations, and Resolutions, each committee consisting of three persons.

The chair appointed the following: Credentials: Mrs. Harry M. Cooper, C. M. Squires, E. D. Elderkin; Nominations: B. Blanchard, Mrs. T. H. Barker, Mrs. Wm. Loring; Resolutions: Mrs. Wilder Nutting, E. J. Blackwood, Mrs. C. E. Cunningham.

B. Blanchard of Billings addressed the meeting on "The Working of the Official Board."

Upon motion the meeting adjourned to hear the address delivered by the Bishop and to meet again Friday afternoon at two o'clock.

The Association reassembled at 2 P. M. Friday afternoon, August 24, opening with singing and prayer, President E. E. Collins in the chair.

At this time the question of "How much should the church advertise?" was opened for discussion and many interesting talks were made.

We were now entertained by the Conference quartet.

L. W. Robinson of Forsyth addressed the meeting on the subject of "Recreation in the Church."

The chair introduced R. H. Hughes, editor of the *Pacific Christian Advocate*, who gave a talk about books published by the Methodist Book Concern and suggested the names of several books that would be of use to the delegates.

Motion made that we accept the report of the Credential Committee and that all names included therein would be made a delegate to this convention whether so elected by their church or not.

Report of this committee is as follows:

We, your Credential Committee, recommend that the following persons be seated as delegates to this Conference now in session:

Mrs. Harry M. Cooper	Drummond, Mont.
Howard Bawden, Trinity Church	Butte, Mont.
Mrs. A. E. Nash	Clancy, Mont.
E. D. Elderkin, Mountain View Church	Butte, Mont.
W. J. Patterson	Laurel, Mont.
Mrs. H. C. Mecklenburg	Billings, Mont.
Mrs. J. W. Shriver	Missoula, Mont.
Clarence W. Otis	Missoula, Mont.
Mrs. Wilder Nutting	Big Timber, Mont.
Mrs. W. M. Loring, Grace Church	Butte, Mont.
Mrs. Laura Thurston	Townsend, Mont.
Mrs. J. W. Greer	Axtell, Mont.
E. J. Blackwood	Huntley, Mont.
Mrs. C. E. Cunningham	Twin Bridges, Mont.
C. M. Squire	Hardin, Mont.
Mrs. Rosa Cass	Angela, Mont.
F. M. Cass	Angela, Mont.
Mrs. T. H. Barker	Pine Creek, Mont.

Mrs. Thomas Forks	Philpsburg, Mont.
Mrs. E. B. Brown	Sydney, Mont.
Mrs. P. F. Blake	Sydney, Mont.
Mrs. M. J. Rusk	Red Lodge, Mont.
E. B. Brown	Sydney, Mont.
Miss Dorothy Bartlett	Red Lodge, Mont.
Mrs. S. P. Nicholson	Billings, Mont.
Mrs. E. J. Blackwood	Huntley, Mont.
Miss Blanche White	Huntley, Mont.
Etta McCammon	Wheatley, Mont.
Mrs. Mary E. Fritcher	Comanche, Mont.
Miss Pearl Roby	Red Lodge, Mont.
Mrs. Fred O. Kelley	Billings, Mont.
Mrs. S. E. Halvorson	Billings, Mont.
Mrs. G. Kopriva	Hardin, Mont.
Mrs. Chas. L. Bovard	Helena, Mont.
Mrs. Chas. D. Crouch	Missoula, Mont.
Mrs. Thomas Hardie	Hardin, Mont.
B. Blanchard	Billings, Mont.
E. E. Collins	Billings, Mont.
L. W. Robinson	Forsyth, Mont.
E. E. Peck	Park City, Mont.
Mrs. E. E. Peck	Park City, Mont.
Mrs. Jacob M. Wallace	Park City, Mont.
Hiram Haskin	Billings, Mont.
Mrs. Millie M. Tolle	Billings, Mont.
H. R. Gibb	Glendive, Mont.
Geo. R. White	Huntley, Mont.
Mrs. C. I. Blewett	Fromberg, Mont.
Nora E. McCammon	Huntley, Mont.
Christian Swanson	Red Lodge, Mont.
Mrs. N. E. Oliver	Big Timber, Mont.

(Signed) C. M. SQUIRE,

MRS. HARRY M. COOPER,
E. D. ELDERKIN,

Committee.

At this point we were entertained with a solo by Mrs. Miller. Hiram Haskins of Billings gave an address on the subject of "The Church Janitor." Other delegates also talked on this subject. E. J. Blackwood of Huntley gave an address on the subject of "Perfecting the Laymen's Association." This subject was discussed freely by other delegates.

Motion made to accept the report of the Nominating Committee which is as follows:

We, the undersigned committee, nominate the following officers for the ensuing year: President, E. E. Collins, Billings; First Vice-President, E. H. Fisher, Bozeman; Second Vice-President, J. C. Borger, Missoula; Secretary, Howard Bawden, Butte; Treasurer, E. D. Elderkin, Butte.

B. BLANCHARD,
MRS. BESSIE LORING,
MRS. T. H. BARKER,

Committee.

Upon motion all nominees included in the above report were unanimously elected.

Motion made at this time to take up an offering to pay for the publishing of the minutes of this session in the Montana Annual Conference Journal, collection amounting to \$6.66.

Discussion was opened again at this time on the subject of "Recreation in the Church," with many responding.

Upon motion meeting adjourned to meet again Saturday morning at 9 A. M.

The Association reassembled at 9:15 A. M. Saturday morning, August 25, opening with singing and prayer; President E. E. Collins in the chair.

Motion made to adopt report of Resolutions Committee, which is as follows:

We, the members of the Lay Association of the Methodist Episcopal Conference now in session at Billings, beg to submit the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, Realizing the great importance of Christian hospitals, we desire to express our appreciation of the splendid work carried on by our Deaconess Hospitals at Bozeman and our Deaconess School at Helena, and we pledge to them our support and commendation. We rejoice in the wonderful achievement at Butte and Billings in such marvelous undertaking and we pray that during this coming year they may see the end for which they toil.

Resolved, That the delegates and alternates to the Lay Association be elected by the laymen of each church at the First Quarterly Conference of the year and names sent to the president of the Association and that the delegates send report to president once a quarter.

Resolved, That the pastors be asked to see that the plan of electing the delegates be carried out.

Resolved, That the every-member financial plan for the church be carried out.

Resolved, That each church be asked to give \$1.00 to the Laymen's Association to be used for the necessary expenses, such as correspondence, and the printing of the constitution and minutes, and that the ministers be requested to adopt a resolution requiring each District Superintendent to see that this amount is paid to the secretary of the Laymen's Association the same as other Conference claims.

Resolved, That we express our sincere appreciation of the efforts of the management of our Montana Wesleyan College in so reorganizing the courses as to make it a standard college, granting bachelor of arts and bachelor of science degrees.

We heartily approve the campaign for \$300,000 for added buildings, equipment, and endowment, and pledge our enthusiastic support in the immediate campaign for \$50,000 for the girls' dormitory as the first unit of the larger campaign to be launched next year.

Resolved, That while we deprecate the slaughter and suffering entailed by the present world war, we recognize that it is a war between the forces of humanity, democracy, and brotherhood on the one hand, and oppression, autocracy, and hate on the other, and is therefore inevitable. We heartily commend the President of the United States and his associates in the policy they are pursuing, and we pledge ourselves to uphold them and to use all possible means to discourage those traitorous persons who seek to advance their personal interests at the expense of the best prosecution of the war. We believe our soldier boys are deserving of all possible care physically and spiritually, therefore we commend the efforts of the American Red Cross Society, the Young Men's Christian Association, the various army chaplains, the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of our own Church, and all other organizations that seek to aid them and we pledge ourselves to their support. We look forward with much hope to the dawn of an era when there shall be peace between all races and peoples of the earth, but we believe that before this can be accomplished much jealousy and suspicion must be allayed, selfishness and lust dethroned, and new ideal established, and many changes and adjustments must be made. Therefore the crying need of that day will be for strong Christian character in church and state, many true voices from pulpit, platform, press, school, and hearth. To nothing can we look for these except the Christian schools of the land,

therefore we pledge ourselves to support these, and to induce our youth to attend them.

Resolved, That the Lay Conference request the Secretary of the Montana Conference to embody the minutes of the Lay Conference in the Minutes of the Ministerial Conference and that the bill for same be sent to the secretary of the Lay Conference. We hereby extend our heartfelt thanks to the Billings pastor and membership and to the families who have entertained us in their homes and for everything that has been done for our comfort and happiness.

MRS. WILDER NUTTING,
MRS. C. E. CUNNINGHAM,
E. J. BLACKWOOD,
Committee.

Motion made to instruct the president to make a report in the *Messenger* once a quarter about the work of the Lay Association of the Montana Conference.

Upon motion meeting adjourned to have joint session with the Ministerial Conference.

E. E. COLLINS, *President.*
HOWARD BAWDEN, *Secretary.*

Reports of District Superintendents

BUTTE DISTRICT

I desire to make this report with a devout and sincere spirit of thanksgiving to God for his mercies and protection. Long and arduous travel by rail and auto have been required in order to make my threefold visitation to each charge. Likewise our pastors have taken up work much beyond the literal requirements of their appointments and have held these services in remote centers, involving much travel, virtually without other compensation than the joy of serving and preaching to the gospel-hungry people. God has kept us all, so that death has not entered any of our parsonage homes, and barring a few accidents and sicknesses, the year has sped its way, bringing its full quota of opportunity and blessing. We do note the death of Rev. I. N. Smith, a long-time resident within the bounds of this district, who at an advanced age, from his earthly home in Stevensville, passed to his heavenly home only a few weeks ago. His membership was in the West Ohio Conference.

The district was turned over to me by my predecessor, Rev. Edward Smith, in a condition that enabled me, without loss of time, to enter upon my new duties. I was somewhat hampered, however, in the dual character of my duties owing to certain unfinished tasks I had as president of our school. These involved so much office work that I was unable to get my plans for the year's work as promptly and fully out to our pastors as I desired. That is all past now, as with fully audited accounts, I have been able to turn over to my successor all the affairs and work of the school, comfortably assured that they are in safe and competent hands.

This district is composed of thirty charges. We read out the names at the last session of our Conference of twenty-seven pastors, thus leaving only three charges without supplies. One of these, Stevensville, was soon supplied by the Rev. Henry L. Blair, from the Northwest Iowa Conference, who came to us shortly after the adjournment of Conference, and has given splendid service to the charge. We had more difficulty in getting the Big Blackfoot charge supplied. But in early November the Rev. B. F. Hill from the Southwest Kansas Conference was secured for this charge. But after a few months, he found the rigors of our climate too much for him and he left us. Since that time we have been able to give to this charge irregular supply preaching. The Lima Circuit labored under several severe handicaps. Their parsonage was occupied under contract without a suitable house left for occupancy. Some rather unfortunate experiences in the past, together with the lack of interest on the part of the citizens themselves, failed to elicit anything like the promise of a support for a resident pastor. So with a perfect agreement on the part of the people, Rev. H. G. Humphry, our pastor at Dillon, was appointed to give certain week-day supply services to this charge, while the missionary appropriation to this charge, upon

application to Bishop Cooke, was reappropriated to other fields. It is hoped, however, at this Conference that we may see our way clear to appoint someone to organize under the directions of the Dillon pastor a circuit which will embrace the points on the Lima Circuit as well as other out-points in that vicinity. This would give us two men instead of one for the interests of the great Beaverhead County.

Sheridan charge became vacant early in the year by the refusal of the Rev. John A. Meeke to enter upon the duties of that charge, to which he had been appointed. His request to be excused was denied upon the grounds that the reasons assigned, not passing at all upon their merits, were nothing additional to those known to the cabinet at the time of his appointment. The vacancy thus occasioned was filled by the appointment of the Rev. Fred Anstice, who has had phenomenal success in spite of the handicap of a late start.

By careful inquiry I find that our district has held services, occasionally at least, in ninety-four places—regularly in over fifty points. Such extension of our services, of course, would have been impossible but for the Ford. It would give me great pleasure to refer individually to the triumphs of each minister and charge in the district; such a chronicle would not be devoid of many thrills. But our *Messenger* columns have served to record a great many of these and it would unduly lengthen this report. I am not able in advance to check up on our statistics. We have done what we could to advance along all lines. Wherever weakness shall appear, we shall try to amend another year.

In property matters we shall have but little to report. Our church at Radersburg has been completed and was dedicated in February last. Rev. Godfrey Kopriva is pastor. The Whitepine church on the Thompson charge is rapidly nearing completion. Rev. F. E. Dodds is pastor here. Rev. W. S. Tester was able to make over the little two-room parsonage at Superior into a very commodious residence, worth, as it stands, probably \$1,800. A fine-toned pipe organ was installed in Grace Church, Butte, by the labors of Rev. J. H. Mitchell and his progressive people. Other repairs and improvements on a smaller scale have taken place throughout the district. And still many of our properties are sadly in need of adaptation to our modern needs—especially is this true in many churches in their relation to the Sunday School and young people. We have been so busy with our extensive work that we have taken little of our time or money in completing our plants for effective intensive development.

In one respect our district is fortunate; we have more parsonages than charges—there being now six that are bringing in rentals. Only two charges this year—and these student supply charges—that have not more or less comfortable parsonages. There are now three unoccupied church buildings—one at Bannock, town virtually abandoned; one at Victor, an overchurched village with a Church, South, in operation, and a community church trying to absorb everything; the other at White Sulphur Springs, now condemned as unsafe by the authorities. We have a very fine lot in Dixon, Mont. The board of school trustees desire very much to purchase it for their new high school plat. The Congregational Church hurried in there a few years ago and built a little chapel which seems to me to answer very poorly the religious needs of the place. It would seem, however, that we ought to

prepare to either build upon our lot or offer it for sale for school purposes. Dixon has now assumed more importance on account of the branch road in process of construction from this place to Polson. I shall ask that our corporate session decide whether we shall sell this lot or not.

There are certain interests that classify themselves readily as the spiritual or cultural and to these we call your attention briefly. I regret exceedingly that we shall not be able to report any widespread spiritual awakening in our district. Special meetings were held quite generally. Very little outside help was sought or received. The pastors exchanged limitedly. I wish we might be able to effect some sort of organized team work in our Conference, giving each charge the benefits of those who are more specifically qualified to carry on evangelistic effort. Some good results followed the efforts that were put forth.

Our campaign under the direction of the Missionary Boards was a pronounced success. These meetings brought first-hand missionary information and inspiration to about ninety per cent of the charges and to ninety-five per cent of the pastors. The speakers who came our way were serious and spirit-filled men. We know that many in this district will at least give more willingly and intelligently than heretofore. All of our benevolences should show an advance in spite of the drouth which has affected the entire farming sections of this district, and the Red Cross solicitations which fell pretty heavily upon the rural charges.

Our Sunday Schools have had varying degrees of prosperity. Wherever we have had competent and devoted workers the schools have made fine progress. We are sadly in need of teacher training classes. We have many schools that are fairly well organized—departmentalized and graded—but which have but an indifferent supply of regular and competent teachers. There is need of the dynamic of a good teachers' training class in connection with every school. We find teacher training in less than twenty per cent of our schools and what we have only of the intermittent variety. I should be glad to report a greater activity among our Epworth Leagues. Our state organization holds one of the liveliest conventions to be found in the Union, we believe. But the local Leagues have more fluctuating careers. A few have been disbanded—or at least suspended—this year. About as many have been reorganized. But the direct spiritual results are not so apparent, it seems to me, as they were a few years ago. We must not, however, overlook what is being done. The missionary policy has been again renewed. This calls for the raising of \$1,100 for the support of Grace Clark, the Trimbles, and our own Conference Italian work. The pledge made some years ago to the furnishing of scientific equipment for the Montana Wesleyan will be completed undoubtedly this year. The Junior Leagues which under recent General Conference legislation have assumed a new importance, being recognized in place of the regular children's class, should occupy a place in every church organization in the district. But alas the statistics given out at the state convention showed that there are about one third as many Junior Leagues as there are Senior Leagues. With the accessibility and pliability of the child life this ought not to be.

We have prayer meetings in about ninety per cent of our organized charges. There are now but five charges with class leaders, and four of these are in Butte. The exhorter is extinct. We have eighteen local preachers—over

half of whom reside in Butte. There are now eight Woman's Foreign Missionary auxiliaries and four Woman's Home Missionary auxiliaries with several junior organizations under each. Our Brotherhoods with a single exception are now operating with the adult Bible classes in the Sunday Schools.

We now have three of our general church institutions within the bounds of our district. In the order of seniority these are the Montana Wesleyan College and the Montana Deaconess School for Boys and Girls, both located at Helena, and the new Deaconess Hospital located in Butte. A nurses' home and the first unit of this latter institution are now in process of construction. Under the leadership of the Rev. J. H. Mitchell as financial secretary the funds for this enterprise are closely approaching the \$100,000 mark. It is admitted on every hand that there is no city in all the Rocky Mountain region where a great Protestant hospital is more needed. The significance of this movement is shown by the large number of lodges and labor organizations that made liberal donations. A fine site has been secured on the Flats—a whole block where the old race track used to be.

The Deaconess school needs no introduction. Its praises have been sounded far and near. Dr. Nicholson, now Bishop, used to refer to our admirable system of Methodist schools by naming our stalwart American University at Washington, D. C., at one margin, and our Montana Deaconess School in Helena at the other. The lesser units, of course, lie along the varying levels between. It occupies a distinct field and meets a definite need which many Protestant parents are becoming aware of and who will more and more seek to avail themselves of the fine opportunities that are here afforded. Steps have been taken for enlarging the facilities to meet the needs of this growing child—not yet ten years old. Miss Roxanna Beck as superintendent is closing her seventh year and is acknowledged to have no superiors in the difficult art of school administration. She has gathered around her a corps of capable teachers who are assisting her in raising this school to a high level of efficiency. As field agent Rev. John Chirgwin has made a most enviable record this year. His reappointment is asked for. A troublesome debt of almost \$10,000 has been almost wiped out through his tireless efforts. The details of this victory will appear more fully in his report.

The Montana Wesleyan College has entered upon a new era. Rev. Leon H. Sweetland, M.A., B.D., of the Rock River Conference (but whose name it is hoped may soon adorn the rolls of one of our Montana conferences) was elected president and early in last May entered upon his duties. The long-cherished hope of a full college course and a real chance for an effective appeal to our growing Montana College constituency seems to be at hand. The attitude of the board and University Senate seems most friendly. Our new president is closing a most strenuous campaign for students with every hope for a greatly increased enrollment. Prof. Paul M. Adams, after conducting the school last year with signal ability, has been retained as vice-president and as head of the science department. His appointment to that position will be asked of the Bishop. A girls' dormitory will be built immediately. The jubilee department of our Board of Education, under the efficient management of Dr. John W. Hancher, stands ready to coöperate with us in a great endowment campaign. The details of this will come

before you in reports and addresses as the session advances. If the expression, "It is up to you," is to be tolerated—naturalized—in our language, then it must fit into our conditions with reference to our school. It is "up to us" right now. Heroic and strenuous months are before us—between us and success. But, brethren, we can make our next session of Conference a true jubilee if we all stand together and follow our leaders.

A few words now upon matters financial. Many of our charges and pastors are getting awake to the value of our New Financial Plan and Stewardship instruction. It should be thoroughly mastered by each pastor and firmly pressed upon our boards. The needed literature can be secured here at Conference and in a short time the outline so well given in the 1916 Discipline will take its proper proportions before you. It will not work itself, but it does open the way for a pastor to enlist unitedly his whole church in the matter of support of the whole range of needed funds. Even if some slight variations here and there may be needed in order to adapt the plan to conditions, the plan itself may be regularly installed everywhere—in the small charge as well as the large. At present about twenty per cent of the charges are working the new plan. I could adduce the figures and comparisons that would convince the most skeptical had I the time.

The School of the Prophets was a great success, and, with some modifications and adaptations, will be an abiding agency for an interchange of ideas and the mutual improvement of our ministry in the methods and arts of our divinely commissioned profession. It should be encouraged and perfected with a view to permanency.

Our Italian work in Butte has been a source of anxiety during the year just closing. The Rev. J. M. A. Papa, whose first year gave quite a little promise of permanency and growth, rather lost heart during the last months of his pastorate which closed January 1 of the present year. He has asked for a transfer to the Rock River Conference, where he is now working. We secured as his successor the Rev. Amadeo Trappolini from the Newark Conference, who entered upon his work in January. He will ask ordination at our hands. Our property in this mission consists of a dwelling house located at 141 Main Street, Meaderville. This building was secured at a cost of \$700—it is probably worth twice that now—and is rented to a good tenant at \$15 per month, the proceeds going to the liquidation of a debt of something over \$300 that still rests against it. We have also a piano that cost \$200, half paid out. There are other minor articles of furniture that belong to the mission. Our real difficulty now seems to be in securing a suitable hall or chapel for our meetings. The old hall that served us only indifferently at best, and which was granted to us by the company free of cost, has been turned over to a band which practices often at the very hours set for our services. The room is filled with spittoons and other filth, making its use for our purposes out of the question. The mining company has also opened a mining shaft within ten feet of the building and evidently does not wish to continue to favor us with this place of meeting. We have been seeking another location. The only feasible thing now seems to be to build a hall or chapel where our missionary can have a chance to gather anew our scattered congregation. Efforts are being made

also for opening work in Walkerville, where better success seems to attend our efforts.

Perhaps the Butte District presents the most stable section of our state. Our valleys, with the exception of Flathead and the Bitter Root, are rather smaller and less important agriculturally than those in other parts of the state. We have, however, much real frontier territory. Down the Clark River to the very borders of Idaho we have many newcomers who are calling to us to provide them with preaching services. Our pastor at Thompson, Rev. F. E. Dodds, has all that he can do to meet these growing demands. Beets, grasses, and dairy possibilities are very inviting to a fine type of ranchers who are looking and coming into this territory. We must be there.

The building of two great sugar beet factories in the Bitter Root Valley—calling for perhaps a million dollars in plant and equipment—means that we must be ready to meet the new conditions. The government has recently voted an appropriation of \$750,000 for reclamation work in the lower Flathead Valley, and already the valley is a network of lakes and ditches. The branch railroad from Dixon to Polson, connecting the main line of the Northern Pacific with the Flathead Lake, will be completed within a few weeks. Here we should double our force at once. The upper Madison as well as the Beaverhead outlying benches must have additional attention.

Within the corporation of Butte itself, we have a call for immediate investment in extension work. I have a promise from Dr. Burns of the Department of Cities to make an early visit to the city of Butte, that we may have the benefit of expert service in locating and extending our work into a portion of the city that within ten years has grown from 600 to 6,000.

And now fully conscious of the meagerness of this report—aware of, most of all, how scantily I have done justice to the heroic pastors and their wives who have made possible all of our victories (I could write a whole report on the achievements of the Ladies' Aid Societies—raising as they have an average of over \$8.00 per member) and conscious of my many other limitations, I place this report before you, with the whole range of spiritual interests involved, praying for the merciful acceptance of my Heavenly Father in and through the merits of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES L. BOVARD.

YELLOWSTONE DISTRICT

BISHOP AND FELLOW WORKERS:

The report you desire is not a simple work to prepare. My association with Yellowstone District leaves an impression that does not shape readily into words nor go satisfactorily onto paper. Former reports from this field by myself and others are comprehensive in account of territory and unique conditions. These reports are available in the files of the Conference, making unnecessary now a repetition of some interesting features of the field. The district's boundless extent with new fields opening and to be opened makes the work from one center very unwieldy.

Yellowstone District conditions bid seriously for special consideration from our Board of Home Missions, from the Board of Sunday Schools, from

the Montana Conference, and from the Church in general. The one entrusted with administering the interests of the Church within its borders finds his every mortal and immortal energy taxed to the limit. Special diligence now by all agencies will not redeem the Church's lost opportunities in many vital centers. The best and most we can do is to prevent further serious omissions.

The older charges are among the first beginnings of our Montana work. Most of these are shaping into permanency with creditable property equipment. Bozeman, Livingston, Billings, Miles City, and Glendive are tolerably furnished for modern church demands. Indebtedness at Miles City and at Glendive still require some skillful financiering. Billings' equipment and multiform activities are noticed quite a little beyond our own bounds. Since this session of Conference became impractical at Miles City as first planned the gathering here in Billings will prove mutually agreeable. The Conference will enjoy seeing Billings. Billings is willing to see you and be seen by you.

A close second to the group of the above-named five charges are in point of equipment: Forsyth, Laurel, and Red Lodge. Fine improvements recently made at Forsyth and those in progress at Laurel will class these well to the front for working plants.

Circuit equipment is very tolerable at Huntley, Bridger, and Pine Creek.

A fair basis is laid for the future at Big Timber, Comanche, Fairview, Park City, and Clyde Park.

Vital centers making heavy demands upon us are Sidney, Wibaux, Hardin, and Baker. These are vigorous new county seat towns. Sidney demands a new modern church. Very choice lots have been procured. Hospital opportunities are quite alluring. Nothing less than an immediate investment of \$50,000 will make Sidney Methodism what it should be. Wibaux sorely needs a modern church on a well-chosen site. Hardin has witnessed some of the heroic in pioneering this year. We have a choice location and a finished basement for a modern church which is in use till further developments are possible. A parsonage is an imperative and immediate demand. Baker has a very habitable parsonage and now demands a commodious church.

Yet in the raw are Birney, Fishtail, Bloomfield, Ingomar, Joliet, Red Water, Hillcrest, Alzada, Sioux Pass, Lake Basin, and Edwards. These are circuits in the formative stage. Bloomfield has a small parsonage but no church. Birney has a church and a small log parsonage. Ashland on this circuit greatly needs a church, for which lots are already procured. Fishtail has two small churches on the circuit. Two more and a parsonage are needed. Ingomar has a church in use but not wholly finished. At the Hibbard point a church is under construction. This field must be provided with a parsonage. Joliet Circuit has a church at Joliet point, one at Roberts, one under construction at Edgar. A church is needed at Boyd. The field should be divided and two parsonages built. Red Water field has a church at Sacred Heights and a temporary church at Richey, which should ultimately be a parsonage. This circuit has unlimited room for expansion. Hillcrest has neither church nor parsonage. Alzada, more than one hundred miles from any other work in the Conference, has lots but no building.

Eleven churches and twelve parsonages are called for on territory we are now touching. Exclusive of vast territory we should enter. Sioux Pass has a little church. In view of perished crops this field may need to be worked from some other center. Lake Basin is an immense empire just being tapped by a branch railroad. We have one organized society but no property. A pastor should be stationed in this field to organize and build. Edwards is on a railroad survey. It has been reached from Ingomar. It is a coming center and should be looked after by a stationed pastor. Preston will disappear from our list of appointments next year. The time struck for us, but we did not strike. Another organization is in full command.

Building achievements this year have been the basement at Hardin, a little church at Richey, a similar one at Ingomar, a substantial building nearing completion at Edgar, and considerable work done on the unfinished building at Hibbard. A foundation was laid at Edgar three years ago. The enterprise looked hopeless until a few months ago, when interest was revived.

Vast regions well peopled but untouched religiously create our perplexing heart burden.

After due consideration of the claim of the spiritual basis of the church, she goes forward only by an unrestrained physical demand. In a physical sense the impossible is not beyond imagination.

The limited physical resources at our disposal render impossible a commanding control of the field where demand and supply are so wholly disparaging as here. The benevolent help of our home board is acknowledged with gratitude. Without increased support no alternative is possible but vast untouched regions, rich in future possibilities, lost to us for ages hence. The narrative of a single case of growth may be enlightening.

A year ago last Fourth of July the people assembled on the prairie where Richey had been laid out.

Their celebration was held on unbroken sod. The town lot sale was August 17 following. I visited the place October 6, less than two months after the sale. I found two banks, two hotels, four lumber yards, two hardware stores, two general stores, a drug store, a doctor's office, two livery barns, an opera house, and numerous residences. Shortly after my visit our building was in use for church and public school. A healthy growth continues in this yearling town.

A display of Christian heroism, than which none greater will be found in any field, home or foreign, stands forth in the labors of some of our Yellowstone District men this year. The field continues to call for very great sacrifice. The measure of this will be the measure of our success. We have knowledge of no other plan for commanding this region for righteousness. Men capable of our best charges are sorely needed on the outskirts, where salaries are a bare living and work is fierce and exacting.

There is glory and not much else in making future good charges. Men, not a few of whom I have interviewed for Western work, demand good charges already made.

Able men who will tackle the frontier are hard to get. Let the statement argue what it may. In addition to present forces, I would be glad to turn back to Montana's frontier with a dozen heroes of the cross who would stick and pull to the end of the job. Who will volunteer?

Severe drouth has created a forbidding financial situation over most all the field. Otherwise additional pastors and new work should have been our program this year. As has already been pointed out Lake Basin needs a pastor. Shields Valley should have two pastors instead of one. The Church, South, asks us to serve their Rock Creek point in this valley. The Joliet Circuit should have two pastors, Reed Point should be a pastoral charge, the Red Water field should have two men, Edwards should have a pastor, Alzada should be provided with a pastor. Here is imperative demand for seven additional men. We have exceedingly limited financial encouragement for them. A solution in part will be found if our strongest centers will radiate out to wide circumferences. Our former reports have strongly advised this policy. The need and the wisdom of it are more and more manifest. The plan opens the way for laymen activities. Billings makes a fine display of this, having with lay help touched as many as ten out-points on a single Sunday.

Helpful agencies worthy of mention and attention in our strenuous processes are the School of Prophets, our excellent monthly, the *Messenger*, our Montana Wesleyan College, Montana Deaconess School, and Bozeman Deaconess Hospital. The School of Prophets is a new venture of such benefit that its permanency is planned. It is a clinic in efficiency, held for several days in June at College Hall, Helena. Along with general methods our pastors learn each other and learn Montana's needs sympathetically. A very gratifying representation of the Yellowstone District pastors attended the school last June. Fuller mention may appear in educational reports.

The *Messenger*, ably edited and managed by extra labors of busy men, is widely circulated over the Yellowstone District. It is the medium of a very significant elbow touch. Our college and deaconess school will have ample notice in other reports. Count Yellowstone District enthusiastic and loyal. Indulge us in a word on hospital activities within the district. The successful operations of the Bozeman institution are common knowledge. Its capacity is dangerously overtaxed. A movement for a \$750,000 addition is meeting with encouraging success. Billings in late June waged a campaign in true Billings fashion for a deaconess hospital in this important center. The effort for \$100,000 closed with an overplus of near \$10,000. Some tangible evidences may come to the Conference before we adjourn.

Recommendations in this report will be brief. F. O. Kelley as Conference evangelist, assisted by his able wife, has accomplished a needed work on the district. The call for such work should continue him in his present office. R. T. Westren relinquished his pastorate at Laurel in November. He is farming in Maryland. No requests as to his Conference relationship have reached me. We recommend his case to the Conference Relations Committee. We specifically recommend that the stronger charges adopt the policy of extension work to all adjacent territory possible. The last General Conference gave us an enabling act with several provisions affecting Conference boundaries in Montana. Believing that districts can be better arranged in Montana, we recommend that the Committee on Boundaries report specifically on this enabling act.

My first service of the year was performed on Butte District, August 21-24, by a trip under commission by Bishop Cook, in interest of federating Methodism at Stevensville.

Bozeman Hospital campaign was waged with the assistance of several pastors of the Conference, beginning October 10. W. A. Parkinson of Minnesota took charge of Bloomfield October 15. Hardin dedication, with the assistance of several Conference members, took place October 22.

Bozeman District parsonage was sold in early October for \$2,500, and fund invested at six per cent. The interest is paid to the District Superintendent. The sale was according to instructions of the district conference.

Otho Wise was put in charge of Joliet Circuit October 29. He is a former worker in our Conference. Health conditions soon compelled him to make a change. He was transferred to Laurel January 1.

R. T. Westren relinquished Laurel November 12.

By the diligent help of Yellowstone District pastors Montana was voted dry November 7.

F. M. Cass was appointed supply of a new organization at Angela November 28.

With profound sorrow we must now chronicle our one sad bereavement. It fell to Miles City parsonage December 15, in the untimely death of dear Sister Martin. The Conference will record suitable memorials.

W. H. Calfee of Colorado took charge of Joliet Circuit February 8.

The District Superintendent was a hospital patient practically through the months of February and March, twice the victim of the surgeon's instruments. Meanwhile, brethren and friends were exceedingly kind and helpful. "Be still and know that I am God" came to mean very much. J. C. Evans of Iowa took charge at Baker March 18. J. H. Matney relinquished the Birney field in March.

The Billings Hospital campaign was put on with the help of several brethren of the Conference the last week in June.

Dedication at Ingomar, R. C. Edgington assisting, took place July 29.

The world is in a grievous turmoil, nations are in a life and death grapple. As a sovereign people we have passed into the shadows. Lines are sharply drawn on fundamentals of civilization. The Church is meeting her severest test. Her present opportunities surpass anything in past history. We cannot here detail her program. We can trust her patriotism and loyalty absolutely if a complete consecration of "Me and mine" possess every pastor and every Methodist. Bickerings now have a tone of treason. Service to the limit of powers is our way out.

"The Son of God goes forth to war, a kingly crown to gain:
His blood red banner streams afar: Who follows in his train?"

By the way, former acquaintance with the Yellowstone District has helped me much this year. We have strong hope that final statistics will show encouraging advance in items most important. Some charges have advanced salary substantially. Some others should do so, but skeptical or indifferent about the New Financial Plan they limp on in the old hit-or-miss method which in the end means miss. I have worked this year with a fine lot of pastors and people. They, together with my dear good wife and the parsonage womanhood of the district, have helped tremendously to lighten the load. The feminine half of parsonage forces have made a contribution to our general success and progress far in excess of the recognition usually given to their unselfish service. "Wither thou goest I will go and wither thou

lodgest I will lodge. Thy people shall be my people and thy God my God." No language could more characterize our parsonage feminine forces. They should organize a Ruth Sisterhood to match the Caleb Brotherhood. They should attend Conference and the School of Prophets. For the most part a splendid laity have responded in a fine manner to their part of the Church's great mission on this challenging field. Our equipment and working forces need to be hitched to the momentous issues of the time with a deepening sense of the Church's real mission. With thanksgiving to God for past blessings we look forward with confidence and trust.

EDWARD SMITH.

Standing Committees and Boards

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

We, your Committee on Education, beg leave to submit the following report:

First—We record our sincere approval and appreciation of the splendid work of the Board of Education during the fifty years of its existence, and we rejoice especially in the wonderful work of the jubilee program conducted under the personal supervision of Dr. John W. Hancher, which already has yielded more than \$19,000,000 for the colleges and universities of the Methodist Episcopal Church of America. We pledge to the Educational Jubilee our hearty coöperation during the remaining months of its program and record our faith in its success in completing its fund of \$30,000,000 for Methodist education.

Second—We urge upon the various charges the necessity for raising the largest possible collections for Children's Day for the Student Loan Fund, which has already assisted more than twenty-five thousand young people in securing an education.

Third—We desire to express our hearty appreciation of the aid of the Educational Jubilee so kindly tendered us in pushing forward our campaign for \$300,000 for a greater Wesleyan. We pledge to this campaign our personal loyalty and our enthusiastic support and urgently call upon our united constituency in Montana to rally to this program and push it through to glorious victory.

Fourth—We consider ourselves fortunate in the fact that the trustees of Montana Wesleyan College have secured for the presidency Rev. Leon H. Sweetland, M.A., B.D., a Christian educator of the highest type, whose brief term of office so far has demonstrated a grasp on the details of the situation and a broad vision and program for the future which we are confident will soon place our school in the front rank among the colleges of the state. We pledge to him our hearty and untiring support.

Fifth—We congratulate President Sweetland on the splendid student campaign conducted this summer and wish to record our hearty appreciation of his services in the reorganization of our Montana Wesleyan College upon a standard college basis.

Sixth—We are delighted to have with us Dr. Borden Bowne Kessler from the Iliff School of Theology. His splendid lectures have been enjoyed by all. With Boston, Drew, Garrett, and Kimball we most heartily recommend the school which he has so well represented to any of the young men who are contemplating special preparation for the ministry.

We recommend the election of Rev. Geo. D. Wolfe and Prof. R. J. Cunningham as trustees of the Kimball School of Theology, and the election of Geo. D. Wolfe as Conference visitor.

Seventh—We recommend as trustees for Montana Wesleyan College Rev. Jesse Lacklen and James V. Kohler for the term ending March, 1920.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN G. ROSS,
HENRY A. JAMES,
JESSE LACKLEN,
GEO. MECKLENBURG,
R. P. SMITH,
GEO. D. WOLFE.

EDUCATIONAL JUBILEE COMMITTEE

Your special committee appointed on the Educational Jubilee of the Church and of the Conference respectfully submits as follows:

1. The Educational Jubilee of the Methodist Episcopal Church has challenged the attention of the Church at large and its constituency beyond the highest hopes of the Board of Education, of the Educational Association, or of the officers charged with its direction and development. At this writing forty-two campaigns for colleges and universities have been closed. Thirty-four of these have been under the direction of the Educational Jubilee. Not one has failed. An aggregate result of the Educational Jubilee up to July 2 has amounted to more than \$19,000,000.

2. The organization, direction, influence, and value of the Educational Jubilee is available to the Montana Conferences on behalf of Montana Wesleyan College some time in the first half of 1918 on the same terms to which it has been to any other school during the continuance of its existence.

3. We believe the time has come when Montana Methodism and its constituency must rally under a farther-reaching vision than it ever had and with a spirit and purpose entirely new to the permanent establishing, equipping, and endowing of Montana Wesleyan College. We recommend therefore that this Conference join the board of trustees of Montana Wesleyan College in the declared purpose to raise a jubilee fund of \$300,000 in two units.

(a) A first unit of \$50,000 to be raised this fall to provide a dormitory for women, to be available for use at the earliest possible moment.

(b) A second unit of \$250,000, \$200,000 of which shall become an invested fund and remain forever a permanent endowment of Montana Wesleyan College. The remaining \$50,000 to be appropriated and applied toward equipment and betterments as the trustees may elect, after the present indebtedness shall have been liquidated.

4. The plan of organization followed uniformly and with such marked success by the Educational Jubilee Commission is unique, forceful, and efficient. We approve it without reservation and when it shall have been completed in the conferences of Montana we will work under it and with it to the limit of our ability and opportunity both as pastors and as men. We will also use our utmost endeavor to enlist our laymen in the jubilee service as that may be needed.

The jubilee operates under three fundamentals, viz.: Publicity, Organization, Prayer. The Publicity is always under the general direction of a specialist from the jubilee organization. Prayer is a high privilege and holy power of everybody who will employ it. The Organization is as follows:

A chairman, usually an outstanding layman; as many vice-chairmen as may be desired; a secretary, usually a minister; representatives from the board of trustees, faculty, the student body, alumni association, the Annual Conference districts, and the Church membership and constituency at large. The unit of the movement is the district and the unit man is the District Superintendent who is always the chairman of his district. His district committee consists of himself and the members of the Annual Conference Board of Education, both ministers and laymen resident within his district plus such other members as he and his committee may select from the district. The members at large are chosen by the Annual Conference or the trustees or both. The general campaign when completed has power and authority under this action to add to its membership from any source as its judgment may dictate.

We recommend as members of the General Campaign Committee: D. R. McRae, Anaconda; E. D. Elderkin, Butte; John H. Inch, Missoula; Dr. A. J. Movius, Billings; R. J. Cunningham, Bozeman; B. C. White, Buffalo; Mrs. Jacob Mills, Helena; Senator E. O. Selway, Dillon; Representative Walter D. Kemmis, Sidney; Guy E. Marvin, Livingston; B. A. Winans, Livingston; Geo. M. Miles, Miles City.

5. We recommend that this report be published in full in the Annual Conference Minutes without change except as it may be edited by President Sweetland and Dr. Bovard.

FRANKLIN HAMILTON, *Chairman.*
JESSE LACKLEN, *Secretary.*

BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION

The present strength of the Methodist Church within the bounds of the Montana Conference would not be possible were it not for the funds administered to our churches from year to year by the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension. The rapid growth of our population especially in the rural sections of our state requires an increase each year in the number of pastors and churches if this growing population is to be served by Methodism. Nothing would be more fatal to the Montana Conference than a decrease in the amount of appropriations for next year. The opportunities for opening up new preaching places are almost limitless. If these doors are to be entered the Conference board must have more money at its disposal.

We endorse the action of the last General Conference which gives a closer study of and supervision of our needs under a separate department known as the Department of Frontier Work, and it is a matter of great satisfaction that one of our members, Dr. Edward Laird Mills, was chosen to head this department. His visit and able representations made to this session of the Conference will be remembered with pleasure and profit.

We heartily endorse the movement of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension to raise a fund of \$250,000 for work among the soldiers, and urge every pastor to present this patriotic appeal on the day set aside by the parent board.

We also urge upon the pastors the proper observance of the Centenary Movement in the years 1918-19.

The Conference board has received and administered during the year the following funds:

For Home Missions	\$7,900
For Church Extension, by donations	850
Distributed as follows: Hardin, \$250; Superior, \$200; Radersburg, \$200; Ingomar, \$200.	

Recommendations for Home Missions and Church Extension

To the General Committee of Home Missions and Church Extension, convening November, 1917:

We, the members of the Montana Annual Conference, with the approval of the presiding Bishop and District Superintendents, and on condition that the apportionments to this Conference be fully met, recommend for the calendar year 1918 the following appropriation for Home Missions and Church Extension and City Work:

Home Missions

(a) Amount needed for English-speaking people	\$10,000
(b) Amount needed for foreign-speaking people	1,000
Total for Home Work	\$11,000

Cities

Amount needed for cities of the first class: For work in Butte City...	\$ 500
Total for work in cities	\$ 500

Church Extension

Amount needed for Church Extension	\$ 6,400
For Home Missions	\$11,000
For Cities	500
For Church Extension	6,400
Total	\$17,900

Attested by FRANKLIN HAMILTON, *Presiding Bishop*.
PAUL M. ADAMS, *Secretary*.

CENTENARY AGREEMENT

Centenary agreement between the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church and Montana Conference:

This agreement made between the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church, hereinafter called Board, by its corresponding secretary, and Montana Conference, hereinafter called Conference.

The Board hereby agrees that if the total receipts from all conferences for the regular work of the Board, after deducting the sixty per cent to

be returned and the expenses incurred in the Centenary movement, in the years 1918 and 1919, respectively, shall equal the receipts by the Board for regular work in the year 1917 and in case the above-named Conference shall remit to the Board for such work as much in the years 1918 and 1919, respectively, as in 1917, it will appropriate to the above-named Conference not less than the same sum of money in the years 1918 and 1919, respectively, as it appropriates to it in the year 1917.

The Board further agrees to appropriate to the above-named Conference in the years 1918 and 1919, respectively (in addition to the foregoing appropriation), sixty per cent of its increase in remittances to the Board for regular work in said years, respectively, above its total remittances in the year 1917, which increases shall be applied to the support of enterprises in said Conference agreed upon by the said Board and the Conference Board of the above-named Conference.

It is understood between the parties hereto that the settlement upon which the Board shall make its appropriations in 1918 and 1919 shall be on the basis of the Board's records in Philadelphia and not on the basis of the Minutes of the said Conference.

This agreement will not be binding until the Board in its annual meeting in November, 1917, approves it.

The remittances shall be computed for the Conference years ending in 1918 and 1919, respectively, and appropriations shall be for the years immediately succeeding.

DEACONESS BOARD

The licenses of the following deaconesses have been approved:

Montana Deaconess School: Roxana Beck, Helen Piper, Ida M. Kling

Bozeman Deaconess Hospital: Edith Ackerman, Mary Janet Burns, Beatrice E. Butler, H. Grace Linfield.

Deaconesses Honorably Discharged

Bozeman Deaconess Hospital: Iona E. Floyd, Lucy Abbott Joslin.

The following are our probationers: Mildred Christensen, Ruth Leiby, Bertha Swisher.

Receiving First License

Bozeman Deaconess Hospital: Alice V. Walter.

Resolutions

Recognizing the growing demand for deaconess service in the varied activities of the Church in this Conference and the increasing difficulty of securing sufficient numbers of trained workers from Eastern schools, we hereby express our approval of the Seattle Bible Training School by recommending its course of study to our young women who wish to prepare themselves for Christian service, and by signifying our readiness to do our share in promoting this training school for the Northwest in its effort to provide a new building.

Further be it resolved that we rejoice in the prosperity of our deaconess work during the past year and that we pledge to the superintendents and field workers of our institutions our prayers and heartiest support.

We recommend the following members to constitute our Deaconess Board:

For One Year—Mrs. J. F. Mills, Wm. Lutey, R. P. Smith.

For Two Years—Mrs. Edward Smith, Jesse Lacklen, J. H. Mitchell.

For Three Years—Mrs. Geo. Mecklenburg, John Chirgwin, Judge Reynolds.

We rejoice in the triumphant issue of the Billings Deaconess Hospital campaign and in the successful progress of the movement in Butte. We note with concern the situation of the hospital in Bozeman. A new building is greatly needed. Twenty-one thousand dollars is at hand. It is proposed to bond and build. We recommend that this board and conference refuse to consent to building in Bozeman until at least two thirds of the proposed amount be secured.

We request that the committee be authorized to investigate the legal status of all deaconess institutions within the bounds of this Conference, especially the status of those institutions as relating to the trust clause in the deeds of said institutions. We approve the following trustees of the Butte Deaconess Hospital: Geo. D. Wolfe, President; Wm. Lutey, Secretary; F. C. Fluent, Treasurer; C. S. Jackman, W. M. Montgomery, Abram Wehl, C. J. Neffer, J. L. Carrol, Angus McCleod, J. A. Poore, C. R. Leonard, T. J. Bennetts.

We approve the election of Miss Lydia Keller as superintendent.

We heartily approve the highly successful and efficient work of Financial Secretary John Chirgwin and recommend to the cabinet his reappointment to his present position.

JESSE LACKLEN, *President.*

JOHN CHIRGWIN, *Secretary.*

CONFERENCE BOARD OF STEWARDS

Distribution to Preachers

Name	Years Counted	Annuity Claim	Annuity Paid	Special Allowance	Total Allowance
A. P. Morrison	43	\$602	\$270	\$ 25	\$295
John Hosking	24	336	144	96	240
Andrew Kershaw	30	420	180	20	200
James W. Tait	27	378	162	278	440
S. E. Snider	22	294	132	93	225
S. A. Oliver	32	448	50	....	50
J. A. Badcon	25	350	150	25	175
George D. King	25	375	....	....	....
Jacob Mills	31	434	....	....	....
Total Paid					\$1,625

George D. King and Jacob Mills surrender their annuity claim. S. A. Oliver surrenders in part.

Distribution to Widows

Name	Husband's Years	Widow's Years Allowed	Total Claim	Annuity Paid	Special Allowance	Total Allowance
Cordelia Lowry	14	11	\$154	\$ 52	\$ 73	\$125
Mrs. A. D. Raleigh	23	18	252	81	269	350
Mrs. Clara Ware	33	24	336	108	57	165
Mrs. Ida Hall	9	6	84	27	73	100
Mrs. Allan Rodger	11	9	126	40	60	100
Mrs. L. H. Mickle.....	16	12	168	50	....	50
Mrs. C. P. Adams	20	15	210	67	3	70
Mrs. Isia B. Miller	8	6	84	(Claim Surrendered)		
Total Paid						\$960

Distribution to Children

	Years	Total Claim	Annuity Paid	Special Allowance	Total Allowance
Adams, Opal	3	\$42	\$18	\$ 7	\$25
Adams, Morris	3	42	18	7	25
Bennett, Anna	6	84	36	9	45
Snyder, Willa	3	42	18	42	60
Snyder, Gertrude	3	42	18	42	60
Total Paid					\$215

We, your Board of Conference Stewards, in view of the increasing demand, recommend that the Conference set aside the Conference year 1918-19 for the purpose of launching a campaign to raise a permanent fund.

H. A. JAMES, *President.*

JOHN A. MEEKE, *Secretary.*

C. E. CUNNINGHAM, *Treasurer.*

FOREIGN MISSIONS

In spite of the war that is raging among the Christian nations of the world the past year, it has perhaps been the best year in the history of our foreign missionary work; more souls have bowed at our altars, more students turned away from our schools and more patients have been treated in our mission hospitals than in any other year.

We call especial attention to the marvelous opening for evangelical Christianity in the new Republic of Russia, at a single stroke of the pen as it were religious liberty has become an established fact, the indications are that this simple-hearted people will turn readily to Protestantism. With this

marvelous opening, together with the wonderful turning toward Christ in China, India, and Korea, the Church is certainly facing the greatest opportunities in the history of Christianity.

We pledge ourselves to stand by our regular apportionment, that our great board might be free in carrying on its great work. We also pledge ourselves to coöperate with our board in its plans for our centenary, beginning January 1, 1918.

We appreciate the field work done by the board during the past winter under the Department of Foreign Evangelism.

FREDERICK T. SPENCER.

FREEDMEN'S AID

The work of this society has been carried on for over fifty years. The General Conference authorized and directed each pastor to observe the Lincoln Day Anniversary in February. See Discipline of 1916, Par. 455, Page 302.

As a result of the work of the society we have 350,000 colored members, 3,500 churches, and over 2,000 ministers. Our schools supply these with pastors and intelligent Christian leaders. For this purpose the twenty-one schools of the Freedmen's Aid Society with their 317 teachers and 5,279 students must be maintained. The solution of the race problem is not to be found wholly on industrial and commercial lines. The uplift of a race means in addition moral and spiritual standards in accordance with the teachings of Jesus, and these are secured only through the Christian school and the Christian church. To maintain our present standards and advance them further, we must continue our church schools.

We recommend, therefore, that each pastor observe Lincoln Day as directed by the General Conference, and that, in addition to raising the full apportionment for the work of the society, an effort be made to secure subscriptions toward a thank offering of \$100,000 to be used for new buildings and increased equipment sorely needed by these schools.

We further recommend that the program and literature prepared by the society be distributed in our Sunday Schools and public congregations. This literature can be secured without cost by sending to the office of the society at 420 Plum Street, Cincinnati, O., a postal card request.

Respectfully submitted,

F. C. FULFORD,
T. H. BARKER,
W. H. PASCOE,
Committee.

RESOLUTIONS

Your Committee on Resolutions reports the following:

WHEREAS, We, the members of the Montana Conference, have been safely and progressively led and graciously used by our Heavenly Father during the past year, and are now brought together in this, our thirty-first annual session, where we are privileged to enjoy the delightful fellowship, the holy influence,

the constructive statesmanship, and the inspiring addresses, sermon, and lecture of our presiding Bishop, Franklin Hamilton, the felicitous results of the untiring labors of our two District Superintendents, our Conference Secretary, Conference Statistician, and Conference Treasurer, and their staffs of assistants, the pleasant companionship and splendid inspiration of President Leon H. Sweetland of Montana Wesleyan College, Dr. John W. Hancher of our Board of Education, Dr. Borden B. Kessler of Iliff School of Theology, our own Dr. Edward Laird Mills of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, Dr. E. R. Fulkerson of the Board of Foreign Missions, Dr. Ernest Daily Smith of our Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals, Dr. F. H. Essert of the World's Purity Federation, Dr. P. J. Maveety of our Freedmen's Aid Society, Rev. Joseph Pope of the Montana Anti-Saloon League, Mrs. E. S. Miller of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, Mrs. Chas. L. Bovard and Mrs. Edward Smith, worthy wives of our District Superintendents, the lavish hospitality and welcome offered us by Mr. C. W. Fowler in behalf of the Chamber of Commerce of Billings, Secretary Abele of the Billings Young Men's Christian Association, and Mr. O. H. Thomas in behalf of the people of the city, and made real to us by Pastor Mecklenburg, the members and friends, and the suborganizations of Billings First Church, and the Chamber of Commerce, the courtesies extended us by Editor R. H. Hughes and Mr. A. W. Coatman of our Book Concern, by the various railway companies operating in the state, and by the press of the city of Billings and of the state; and

WHEREAS, The large attendance of laymen upon the Lay Conference and their hearty coöperation with us in the affairs of the Kingdom furnish us much felicity; therefore be it

Resolved, That we hereby extend to all these who have contributed to our comfort, happiness, and profit our heartiest thanks, and pray heaven's choicest blessings to attend them.

W. G. R. DANN,
F. O. LINGER,
JOHN G. ROSS,
WALTER L. GREER.

EPWORTH LEAGUES

The Epworth Leagues of the state have had another year of progress. The reports to the state convention held in June showed not only the addition of many new chapters, but also a marked improvement along the line of efficiency.

Recognizing therefore the large place that the League occupies in the life of the church, we pledge our most loyal effort to the work for the coming year.

This will be a year when many calls will be made on our young people by our country. Many will be called to serve in the field, many more will be called to serve at home. Therefore it becomes our duty as pastors to lead on our young people in every patriotic movement. We therefore urge that our pastors inform themselves as to how best the young people may serve

their country during this crisis, so that in every way possible we may help our nation in its war for humanity and democracy.

JOHN G. ROSS,
J. H. MITCHELL,
W. H. PASCOE,
CHARLES RHODES,
ROBERT EDGINGTON.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

With greatest pleasure we record the increase in Sunday School enrollment in every department except the Home Department. We now have 140 Sunday Schools with an enrollment of 12,600. We recommend that each church launch a big forward movement to attract every unchurched child. We believe the Church should spare no effort in increasing the equipment of every Sunday School. A teacher training class should be maintained in every school. We earnestly request that our schools patronize the Book Concern for all literature.

GEORGE MECKLENBURG,
C. E. FENTON,
R. C. EDGINGTON,
H. G. HUMPHRY,
E. D. ELDERKIN,
J. B. MONTGOMERY.

COMMISSION ON FINANCE

Your Commission on Finance begs to submit the following report:

1. We urge the adoption and carrying out according to disciplinary provision, the New Financial Plan on every charge in the Conference.
2. After careful consideration of the several causes appealing to us for admission to our churches for the purpose of securing financial support, we recommend that the following unconnectional causes be acknowledged worthy and may be presented from our pulpits:
 - (a) Our deaconess institutions.
 - (b) Florence Crittenden Home.
 - (c) Anti-Saloon League.
 - (d) Woman's Christian Temperance Union.
 - (e) State Sunday School Association.
 - (f) Children's Home-Finding Society.
 - (g) World's Purity Federation.

Respectfully submitted,

T. H. MARTIN, *President*.
EDWARD C. BARTLETT, *Secretary*.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We rejoice in the continued progress of the cause of temperance. In these days of stress every interest of the nation urges the restriction to the limit of the power of the liquor traffic.

We record our loyalty to the country and our readiness to respond to every reasonable appeal to patriotic economy and self-denial. At the same time we contend that it is not fair that families should deny themselves of food while the breweries continue to waste the grain.

We deplore the failure of the Senate of the United States to concur in the war prohibition measure. We approve the constitutional prohibition amendment passed by the Senate and urge upon our representatives in Congress the earliest possible concurrence in that legislation.

We rejoice in the favorable standing which our Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals has achieved for itself in the nation's capital and every success that it has helped to win for temperance and prohibition.

We rejoice in the election of a governor who publicly announced his approval of the sentiment that the liquor traffic should die in this generation. The same is true of the man elected to the office of attorney-general.

We commend the Anti-Saloon League and the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, under whose judicious leadership the prohibition campaign was conducted.

It is cause for great rejoicing that the united prohibition forces of the state of Montana gave a terrific blow in the election of 1916 to the liquor traffic. But the task is not yet finished. In the spirit of the General Conference of 1916, we go forward resolved under God that the liquor traffic shall die in this generation.

FREDERICK SPENCER, *Chairman.*

ELE D. SWISHER, *Secretary.*

AUDITING COMMITTEE

We, of the Auditing Committee, have examined the Conference Trustees' Record, the District Superintendents' Accounts, the reports of the Conference Treasurer and Secretary and find all correct.

W. H. CALVERT,
G. J. STEVENS.

Special Committees

RELATING TO CHANGE OF NAME OF MONTANA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

Be it Resolved, By the Montana Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church within the state of Montana, assembled in regular session, and under whose auspices the Montana Wesleyan University, a corporation, was organized and is being conducted, that, in order to meet certain of the requirements of the University Senate, the consent of this Conference be and it is hereby granted to the changing of the corporate name of said institution, to-wit, "Montana Wesleyan University" to "Montana Wesleyan College"; and

Be it Further Resolved, That the board of trustees of the Montana Wesleyan University be and they are hereby authorized and directed to take all necessary and proper legal action and proceedings for effecting the change of name of said institution in conformity herewith.

SUBSCRIPTIONS MADE TO THREE FORKS CHURCH DEBT

C. L. Bovard, \$10; Edward Smith, \$5.00; John Chirgwin, \$5.00; Bishop Hamilton, \$5.00; Jesse Lacklen, \$5.00; George Mecklenburg, \$5.00; H. C. Mecklenburg, \$5.00; R. C. Edgington, \$5.00; John G. Ross, \$5.00; Frederick Spencer, \$5.00; H. A. James, \$5.00; T. H. Martin, \$5.00; Thomas Barker, \$5.00; J. H. Mitchell, \$5.00; H. L. Blair, \$5.00; H. G. Humphry, \$5.00; C. E. Cunningham, \$5.00; W. G. R. Dann, \$5.00; Paul M. Adams, \$5.00; L. Sweetland, \$5.00; S. A. Oliver, \$5.00; C. T. Gruell, \$5.00; F. O. Linger, \$5.00; H. M. Cooper, \$5.00.

DEACONESS SCHOOL

DEAR BISHOP AND BRETHREN:

It gives me great joy, and with thanksgiving to God our Father to bring to you my fourth annual report as field secretary of the Montana Deaconess School.

During this year thirty-seven towns have been visited, and our best citizens have heard of our work. Never has the support from the field been as large as this year.

Cash receipts	\$8,508.00
Unpaid subscription	3,813.50

You will notice that our unpaid subscription is about equal to our indebtedness, excluding the purchase price of our property. Our board of trustees met in the school building on August 5. At that meeting a committee was appointed to meet with a committee of the board of trustees of the Montana Wesleyan College to arrange for the transfer of the title of the property to

us. The board also selected the building which we hope to erect at no distant date, but under no condition shall we step forward in the way of building until every dollar of indebtedness on the banks of Helena has been paid.

At this time we are moving the Jenkins' building, which we purchased some time ago, within a block of our main building, and it will be used this winter for a manual training department, gymnasium, and a living-room for the janitor. This will help somewhat the congested condition we are in at this time.

By all appearances we shall be obliged to turn away students from the very beginning of the school year.

I wish to thank the brethren of this Conference for their loyalty to the institution, and for kindnesses shown me on their charges.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN CHIRGWIN.

Treasurer's Report

(1) CONFERENCE OF M. E. CHURCH OF MONTANA IN ACCOUNT WITH JACOB MILLS, TREASURER

Bannack Church Fund, last report	\$ 65.73
Interest	3.94
Total	\$ 69.67
Pyretees Church Fund, last report	\$ 24.10
Interest	1.45
Total	\$ 25.55
Trout Creek Church Fund, last report	\$ 102.30
Interest	6.13
Total	\$ 108.43
Oyando Parsonage Fund, last report	\$ 485.37
Interest	29.12
Total	\$ 514.49
Chestnut Church Fund, by sale of old building by Edward Smith.....	\$ 25.00
Interest 7 months .....	.87
Total	\$ 25.87
Bozeman Church Mtg. Note	\$2,840.30
Interest to July, 1917	83.20
Paid to Edward Smith D. S. Int.....	\$83.20
Balance Note	\$2,840.30
Conference Claimants Fund, last report	\$2,063.23
By Fifth Dividend, First Trust and Savings Bank, Billings, Mont....	10.21
By Fifth Dividend, First Trust and Savings Bank, Billings.....	44.67
To paid Fidelity bond renewal	5.00
Interest	140.43
Balance	\$2,253.54

Recapitulation

Bannack Church Fund	\$ 69.67
Pyretees Church Fund	25.55
Trout Creek Church Fund	108.43
Ovando Parsonage	514.49
Chestnut Church	25.87
Conference Claimants' Fund	2,253.54
Grand Total	\$2,997.55

Unpaid Notes

Bozeman Church Mtge. Note (Yellowstone District Parsonage Fund)	\$2,840.30
L. L. Tower, N. G.	105.51
L. L. Tower, N. G.	70.90
First Trust and Savings Bank, Billings	191.75

Respectfully submitted,

JACOB MILLS.

TREASURER'S REPORT

FRED WHITFORD, Treasurer
HUNTLEY, MONTANA

TREASURER'S REPORT—BUTTE DISTRICT

List No.	NAMES OF CHARGES	Disciplinary Benevolences														
		Missions						Freedmen's Aid Society	Board of Sunday Schools		Board of Education		American Bible Society	Bd. of Temperance, Prohibition, and Public Morals	General Deaconess Board	Women's Foreign Missionary Society
		Board of For- eign Missions			Bd. Home Mis. & Church Ex.				Church	Sunday Schools	Public Ed. Collection	Children's Day Fund				
		Church	Sunday Schools	Special Gifts	Church	Sunday Schools	Special Gifts									
1	Anaconda	110	37	174	121	37	....	36	20	8	130	35	10	13	4	2
2	Avon	10	....	....	10	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
3	Butte—Grace .....	....	39	....	....	39	....	5	....	9	112	7	2	2	....	....
4	Italian Mission .....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
5	Mt. Bethel and Wesley	30	....	....	30	....	....	7	....	6	20	....	4	4	1	....
6	Mountain View	306	104	103	265	110	....	61	20	30	190	20	22	22	1	3
7	Trinity .....	....	39	90	....	40	....	10	....	12	80	....	5	5	....	....
8	Unity and Silver Bow	12	13	....	13	12	....	1	1	3	30	2	1	2	1	....
9	Big Blackfoot .....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
10	Clancy and Jefferson	14	5	....	13	3	....	2	1	2	11	....	....	1	....	....
11	Dillon .....	....	70	29	20	20	....	25	....	25	57	18	5	4	3	1
12	Drummond and Hall .....	....	....	50	15	....	....	2	....	2	4	....	1	1	....	....
13	Hamilton	33	17	25	23	17	....	5	2	4	65	5	4	4	1	....
14	Helena—Oakes St.	30	....	....	25	....	....	2	....	2	30	....	....	....	....	....
15	St. Paul's	120	70	60	120	70	....	30	....	15	150	10	2	4	....	....
16	Marysville	10	....	....	8	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
17	Meadow Creek	15	3	....	15	3	....	3	13	4	50	6	1	1	....	....
18	Missoula	300	125	381	230	100	....	54	22	50	144	20	25	20	6	1
19	Ronan and St. Ignatius ..	6	7	....	6	7	....	1	....	3	50	3	1	1	....	....
20	Philipsburg	17	....	....	17	....	....	1	....	....	38	3	....	1	....	....
21	Sheridan and Ruby	10	10	9	10	15	....	3	10	5	60	....	2	3	....	....
22	Stevensville	30	20	42	25	18	....	10	....	8	60	10	3	3	....	....
23	Superior and Alberton	10	....	....	8	....	....	2	....	2	....	....	1	....	....	....
24	Thompson Falls and Plains	10	10	....	5	5	....	3	1	3	....	3	1	....	....	....
25	Three Forks	7	11	....	6	11	....	3	5	13	5	2	....	....	....	....
26	Townsend	10	10	....	10	10	....	7	....	13	8	2	1	1	1	....
27	Twin Bridges	33	5	....	30	5	....	6	2	2	56	....	1	1	1	....
28	Whitehall	5	9	....	10	....	....	1	....	2	....	2	1	1	1	....
29	Winston and Beaver Ck. ..	19	....	74	18	....	15	3	2	....	16	....	91	1	....	....
Totals		1147	604	1037	1053	522	15	283	99	223	1366	148	184	95	24	68
Increase		32	20	590	14	12	27	6	51	18	105	16	13
Decrease	27	84

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Disciplinary Benevolences—Con.				Other Benevolences							Other Cash Items							GRAND TOTAL	List No.
Woman's Home Mis. Soc.—Cash	Woman's Home Mis. Soc.—Supplies	City Missionary or Church Extension Society	Total Disciplinary Benevolences	Educational Endowments	Hospital	Montana Deaconess School	Missionary Policy of Epworth League	Anti-Saloon League & W. C. T. U.	Montana Children's Home	Benevolences	Total	Conference Claimants	Central Office Expenses of Epworth League	Support of District Superintendent	Support of Bishops	Support of Conference Claimants	General Conference Expenses		
6			813	50		49				35	134		2	162	30	75	8	1224	1
			20											10	3	1		34	2
			217		55		62			25	142		2	150	28	70	5	614	3
																			4
			102	8			26			5	39			72	14	36	4	267	5
	200		1784	13	256		67			697	1033		3	250	50	120	12	3252	6
			283	11	22		30	1		27	91		2	100	24	60	5	565	7
			91	10	79		33			135	257		3	132	18	59		560	8
																			9
			52			300				10	310			45	5	12		424	10
			384	10			32			74	116		3	175	30	75		783	11
			87	550					5		555			80	16	40	3	781	12
			227	35		52	12	4	8	20	131		3	87	16	40	5	509	13
	1		90			575				4	579			60	6	15		751	14
125			910			3520	129	109		41	3799		4	180	36	90	10	5029	15
			18	3							3							21	16
12			126			375					375			70	16	20	3	610	17
131	86		1802	1194	42	5	72	631			1944		3	180	36	90	12	4067	18
			85		10					6	16			90	18	45		254	19
			77										2	48	10	24	2	163	20
			137		500						500			83	13	40		773	21
			229	47			2				49		1	75	15	37		406	22
			23											42	7	12		84	23
			106	15			11	65		3	94			50	5	10	1	265	24
			63	100				13		11	124		1	30		5		223	25
1			92	5		1		1		227	234			85	17	18		446	26
			142	56							56			70	16	35		319	27
			32	10	25						35			60	3	5		135	28
			239						3	7	10			16	3	7		275	29
275	287		8231	2117	989	4877	474	824	16	1327	10624		29	2402	435	1041	70	22832	
274	226		854	474	781	1333	125	824	16	738	4252		3		22	63	6	6205	

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			216			15	31				46			33	6	10		311	1
			1393	65	1768	10	100			1180	3123		10	200	50	100	5	4881	2
			46		2					38	40			37	8	19		150	3
			1025	20	188	100		30			338			180	36	90	9	1678	4
			150		135					347	482			120	36	18		806	5
			133											65	9	32		239	6
			42											70	10	12		134	7
			380							37	37			100	21	45		584	8
														11				11	9
			372	25		2	30	165	33	169	424		2	100	20	50	16	954	10
			47		6					55	61		1	50	2	5	2	168	11
			429				33			16	49		1	110	25	55	5	674	12
			26															26	13
			55											38	8	5	2	108	14
			102			4				4	8			50	10	25	4	199	15
			531	16	20	13	44			33	126		4	130	20	65	6	882	16
			253	96						80	176		5	120	24	50	5	633	17
			32					48			48			50	8	28		166	18
			282	262	10		32	24	150	10	488		2	95	20	45	5	937	19
			237	15			10			58	83		1	80	12	40	5	458	20
			48											45	8	23		124	21
			41							2	2			100	5	10		158	22
			19												5	10		34	23
			95							9	9				2	2	1	109	24
1		1	178	106							106		2	120	24	60	5	495	25
33	8	1	6132	605	2129	144	280	267	183	2038	5646		28	1904	369	799	71	14949	26
30	8	1	1728	524	2031		34	267	183	41	2931		4		85	34	30	6544	27
						432													28

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33	8	1	6132	605	2129	144	280	267	183	2038	5646	28	1904	369	799	71	14949
275	287	8231	2117	989	4877	474	824	16	1327	10624	29	2402	435	1041	70	22832
308	295	1	14363	2722	3118	5021	754	1091	199	3365	16270	.....	57	4306	804	1840	141	37781
302	218	1	2373	998	2812	901	159	1091	199	.....	7117	.....	7	.....	107	117	36	12749
										697								

Plan of Conference Examination

BOARD OF EXAMINERS

Two examiners for each year's study. These two examiners to divide studies as agreeable to themselves. Examiners to continue in same year until changed by Conference.

John A. Meeke, Chairman, Anaconda.

Thomas Hardie, Registrar, Hardin.

For Admission on Trial—

Examiners, George Mecklenburg, Fred Whitford.

The English Language.

(a) The Art of Writing English, Brown and Barnes.

(b)

American History, James and Sanford.

Doctrines and Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Life of John Wesley, Winchester.

Written Paper.

Written Sermon.

First Year—

Examiners, H. G. Humphry, J. H. Mitchell.

New Testament History—Rall.

Human Behavior—Calvin and Bagley.

The Making of a Sermon—Pattison.

How to Study and Teaching How to Study—McMurray.

Second Year—

Examiners, Geo. D. Wolfe, John G. Ross.

Dictionary of the Bible—Hastings.

The Bible in the Making—Smythe.

How We Got Our Bible—Smythe.

Short History of the Christian Church—Moncrief.

The Pupil and the Teacher—Weigle.

The Graded Sunday School in Principle and Practice—Meyer.

The Way to Win—Fisher.

Third Year—

Examiners, R. P. Smith, R. C. Edgington.

Beacon Lights of Prophecy—Knudsen.

Foundations of Christian Belief—Strickland.

Socialism and Modern Social Problems—Ellwood.

Social Institutions and Ideals of the Bible.

Introduction to the Study of Modern Comparative Religion—Jevons.

Fourth Year—

Examiners, Paul M. Adams, John M. Whiteley.

Paul and His Epistles—Hayes.

System of Christian Doctrine—Sheldon.
Everyday Ethics—Cabot.
The New Home Missions—Douglas.
Social Aspects of Foreign Missions—Faunce.

Local Preacher's Course—

John A. Meeke, T. H. Martin.

Local Deacon's Orders—

E. C. Bartlett, Thomas Hardie.

Local Elder's Orders—

Jesse Lacklen.

NOTES FOR EXAMINERS AND APPLICANTS

I. Each examiner is required to send to the Chairman a list of questions not later than October 1, 1916.

II. Each candidate will notify the Chairman when ready to pass on any book.

III. The persons conducting an examination will send the candidate's answers to their respective examiners, and the questions back to the Chairman.

IV. Each examiner will send three (typewritten, if possible) copies of questions to Chairman, retaining one copy for himself, and after examining the papers submitted by candidate will forward grades to the Registrar.

V. It shall be the duty of the undergraduates desiring to present credit for any subject pursued in school, or conference, to confer with the examiner before conference, stating the subject for which he desires credit and to present satisfactory evidence of his standing in the same before the Board of Examiners at its annual meeting at the seat of Conference.

VI. Local preachers will apply directly to Jesse Lacklen, Anaconda, for information and questions on that course.

VII. After the opening session of Conference no candidate will hereafter be admitted to examination.

VIII. Examiners will keep account of postage expense and submit same to board at annual meeting.

IX. Read carefully what the Discipline says, relating to Conference Examinations. (Appendix, Chapter VIII.)

X. Write all sermons, essays, and answers to questions neatly with ink on one side of the paper.

XI. Examinations must be taken before a member of the Examining Board, or some person suggested by the District Superintendent. Candidates appointed to remote charges are requested, as far as possible, to arrange to take their examination during the visits of the Superintendent.

XII. The Secretary of the Conference is instructed to pay bills incurred by the Chairman and Registrar for the typewriting and postage necessary in the preparation and transmission of examination questions.

Memoirs

MRS. T. H. MARTIN

We mutually share life's supreme experiences, but often find words very feeble in expression of what the soul inwardly feels. A keen sense of this is upon us in attempting to prepare this memoir for a dear friend.

The Conference as a whole feels a sense of loss in the going of Sister Martin. Beyond this general sense of sorrow a very personal bereavement is felt in many hearts.

Fitting services were held in the home church at Miles City, with the two Superintendents of the Conference and the pastors of the city churches participating. A service was also held with the home friends in Mountain View Church, Butte, with members of the Conference participating and acting as pallbearers.

The following brief obituary statement is a very imperfect expression of the devoted life we commemorate. Mrs. Bessie Eva Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Wasley, and wife of Rev. Thomas H. Martin, was born September 14, 1878, in New Jersey. In her girlhood the family moved to Butte, Mont. Here she attended school, grew to young womanhood, and married the young man whom she so ably assisted in the exacting duties of a parsonage home. No condition incidental to parsonage life ever proved a sufficient occasion to Sister Martin for murmur or complaint. Her patience, fortitude, and serene faith always triumphed.

This servant of God left us December 15, 1916. With our Brother Martin and fourteen-year-old Neeta, we feel new and stronger bonds with the Redeemer and redeemed as a recompense for lonely sorrow.

EDWARD SMITH.

REV. I. N. SMITH

Rev. I. N. Smith of the Central Ohio Conference, who came to Montana October, 1893, supplying our work at Stevensville and other points in the Bitter Root Valley, passed to his eternal rest on July 17, 1917, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Maggie Smith Hathaway at Stevensville. Death came suddenly and peacefully. Brother Smith was born in Logan County, Ohio, July 16, 1837. He lived to be eighty years and one day old. He entered the Central Ohio Conference on trial in 1861, and was received into full connection in 1863. Since coming to Montana he supplied, when his health would permit, several charges and many pulpits, he being an acceptable preacher. He preached a full salvation, and the writer was greatly blessed under the preaching of Brother Smith in Anaconda years ago. He was always happy in the pulpit and did not preach a long-faced, gloomy theology. On the seventeenth of last June he preached at Stevensville his fifty-seventh anniversary sermon to the blessing of his hearers. He was married to

Martha Earick September 11, 1862; ten children blessed the union—Mattie Grace, wife of Prof. J. T. Sharp of Stevensville, and Earl Rowley being dead. Those living are: Mrs. Alberta Willsee of Meadville, Pa.; W. E. Smith and H. W. Smith of Helena, Mont.; Mrs. Maggie Smith Hathaway of Stevensville, Mont.; Rev. O. E. Smith and Mrs. Mary Clark of Ohio; Mrs. E. J. Huston of Havre, Mont.; Mrs. T. Scott Huston of Tacoma, Wash. There are thirteen grandchildren. The funeral was held in the Methodist Church at Stevensville on the twenty-third of July and was conducted by Rev. J. B. Parnell, an old friend of Brother Smith's; he was assisted by our pastor, Rev. Henry Blair, and the ministers of the churches of the city. Rev. Charles Rhodes of Hamilton and Rev. Charles D. Crouch of Missoula were also present. At the cemetery the Masonic fraternity had full charge of the services. Brother Smith's remains were laid to rest beside those of his beloved wife in the family mausoleum in the Maplewood cemetery at Stevensville.

CHARLES D. CROUCH.

THE HONORED DEAD

Name	Conf.	Died	Place of Burial
1—Bennett, J. W.	1887	1913	Missoula.
2—Berk, Alexis	1896	1896	Unknown.
3—Canfield, Wm.	1891	1892	Virginia City.
4—Clampitt, H. P.	1887	1888	Butte.
5—Comfort, George	1887	1908	Lanesboro, Pa.
6—Duncan, Hugh	1887	1887	Sheridan.
7—Garvin, Thomas	1893	1901	Loyalton, Cal.
8—Hall, Marion J.	1887	1905	Los Angeles, Cal.
9—Hall, William	1887	1898	Pine Creek.
10—Jenkins, G. W.	1888	1901	Philipsburg.
11—Lowry, Philip	1888	1896	Anaconda.
12—Mickel, L. H.	1892	1910	Bozeman.
13—Miller, C. E.	1897	1909	Billings.
14—Raleigh, A. D.	1887	1908	Helena.
15—Rodger, Allan	1891	1904	Great Falls.
16—Taft, H. S.	1889	1899	Columbia Falls.
17—Van Scoy, Thomas	1898	1901	Helena.
18—Warman, Henry	1892	1903	Glendive.
19—Adams, C. P.	1912	1914	Sumatra.
20—Ware, I. S.	1904	1915	Bozeman.
21—Snyder, Wm. E.	1889	1915	Roseburg, Ore.

*In case of misinformation, corrections will be welcomed by the Secretary.

Mission and Conference Sessions

ROCKY MOUNTAIN CONFERENCE

Year	Day	PLACE	BISHOP	SECRETARY
1872	August	2 Salt Lake City, Utah..	Foster	J. M. Jameson
1873	July	31 Salt Lake City, Utah..	Peck	D. G. Strong
1874	August	13 Salt Lake City, Utah..	Bowman	D. G. Strong
1875	August	12 Salt Lake City, Utah..	Haven	D. G. Strong
1876	July	27 Helena, Mont.	Harris	F. A. Riffin

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1877	August	2 Bozeman	Bowman	L. W. B. Long
1878	August	2 Virginia City	Andrews	Hugh Duncan
1879	July	3 Butte	Merrill	W. C. Shippen
1880	July	23 Virginia City	Wiley	George Comfort
1881	July	21 Helena	Wiley	George Comfort
1882	July	21 Bozeman	Hurst	George Comfort
1883	August	15 Butte	Wiley	George Comfort
1884	September	25 Helena	Fowler	George Comfort
1885	July	9 Bozeman	Walden	George Comfort
1886	July	8 Dillon	Harris	W. A. Shannon

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1887	August	17 Butte	Foster	W. A. Shannon
1888	July	12 Missoula	Joyce	George Comfort
1889	July	4 Helena	Goodsell	George C. Stull
1890	July	24 Livingston	Vincent	George C. Stull
1891	July	20 Great Falls	Bowman	George C. Stull
1892	August	4 Anaconda	Walden	George C. Stull
1893	August	10 Bozeman	Fowler	George C. Stull
1894	August	9 Butte, Mountain View.	Joyce	Philip Lowry
1895	August	22 Helena, St. Paul's....	Ninde	Philip Lowry
1896	August	13 Dillon	Warren	Philip Lowry
1897	August	13 Butte, Trinity	Cranston	George D. King
1898	August	11 Anaconda	Mallalieu	George D. King
1899	August	9 Livingston	Joyce	George D. King
1900	August	8 Helena, St. Paul's....	Fowler	George D. King
1901	August	7 Missoula	Fowler	George D. King
1902	August	7 Bozeman	Merrill	L. H. Mickel
1903	August	13 Livingston	McCabe	L. H. Mickel
1904	August	24 Butte, Grace	Berry	L. H. Mickel
1905	August	16 Dillon	Moore	L. H. Mickel
1906	August	16 Billings	Cranston	L. H. Mickel
1907	August	21 Anaconda	Moore	George D. King
1908	August	20 Miles City	McDowell	George D. King
1909	August	25 Butte, Mountain View.	Spellmeyer	C. E. Miller
1910	August	24 Helena, St. Paul's....	McIntyre	George D. King
1911	August	21 Billings	Nuelsen	Edward L. Mills
1912	August	21 Missoula	Luccock	Paul M. Adams
1913	August	20 Bozeman	Luccock	Paul M. Adams
1914	August	26 Forsyth	Luccock	Paul M. Adams
1915	August	18 Butte	McConnell	Paul M. Adams
1916	August	16 Livingston	Cooke	Paul M. Adams
1917	August	22 Billings	Hamilton	Paul M. Adams

Miscellaneous

GOVERNING LAWS

Articles of Incorporation of the Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Montana

EXHIBIT "A"

"Resolved, That the Trustees of this Conference, to-wit: L. H. Mickel, S. A. Oliver, and Jacob Mills, be and are hereby authorized to incorporate this Conference, and for that purpose to file with the proper officer articles of incorporation, as required by law."

We, the President and Secretary of the Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Montana, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Montana, at a regular meeting thereof, held in the city of Helena, Mont., on the twenty-sixth of August, 1910, and we do further certify that said resolution was adopted by the unanimous vote of the members of said Conference then present.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We have hereunto set our hands, this twenty-sixth day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ten.

ROBERT MCINTYRE, *President.*

Attest: GEO. D. KING, *Secretary.*

State of Montana,
County of Lewis and Clark.

ss.

We, L. H. Mickel, S. A. Oliver, and Jacob Mills, trustees of the Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Montana, do by these presents, pursuant to and in conformity with the laws of the state of Montana, and pursuant to, and as authorized by a resolution, duly passed and adopted by said Conference, a certified copy of which resolution is hereto attached marked "Exhibit A," and hereby referred to as and made a part thereof, and for the purpose of incorporating said Conference agree upon and adopt the following:

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

First: The name of said corporation is hereby declared to be THE CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF MONTANA.

Second: The purposes for which said corporation is organized are to supervise, superintend, and promote the organization, coöperation, activities, maintenance, and work of local churches and organizations of the Methodist Episcopal Church within the boundaries and jurisdiction of said Conference as now established, and as the same may from time to time be established, changed, modified, and maintained; to maintain, carry on, and conduct the preaching and dissemination of the gospel of Jesus Christ within the boundaries and jurisdiction of said Conference, and throughout the world, and to

that end coöperate with other conferences, associations, and institutions; to establish, erect, maintain, carry on and conduct and aid in establishing, erecting, maintaining, carrying on, and conducting schools, colleges, universities, hospitals, and other eleemosynary, benevolent, charitable, and religious institutions and enterprises; to receive devises, bequests, legacies, donations, and funds and accept and discharge trusts and agencies for or on behalf of, or in aid of, any and all such or similar institutions, enterprises, and causes, and generally to do and perform any and all things that may be convenient or proper in promoting, maintaining, and furthering all benevolent, charitable, and religious works, enterprises and measures authorized or that may be authorized by the general or local laws, rules, and regulations of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and to purchase or otherwise acquire, and to sell, or otherwise dispose of, and encumber such property, real, personal, and mixed, as may from time to time be necessary, proper, or convenient for the purpose or any of the purposes aforesaid.

Third: The number of trustees of said corporation for the first year of the corporate existence of such corporation is three.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we hereunto set our hands the twenty-sixth day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ten.

L. H. MICKEL,
S. A. OLIVER,
JACOB MILLS.

State of Montana,
County of Lewis and Clark

On this twenty-sixth day of August, in the year nineteen hundred and ten, before me, Massena Bullard, a Notary Public for the State of Montana, personally appeared L. H. Mickel, S. A. Oliver, and Jacob Mills, known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Notarial Seal, the day and year in this certificate first above written.

MASSENA BULLARD,
Notary Public for the State of Montana, residing
at Helena, Mont. My commission expires Jan-
ary 23, 1912.

BY-LAWS OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF MONTANA

Article I

The Board of Trustees—The Board of Trustees, after the first year, shall number not less than three nor more than seven, all of whom reside within the bounds of the said Conference and shall be over twenty-one years of age, a majority of whom shall be members of the said Conference; the minority shall be lay members of the said church; all of whom shall be chosen by the Annual Conference of the said church. The financial and secular business of the corporation shall be under their management.

Article II

Officers of the Board of Trustees—The officers of the Board of Trustees shall consist of a President, Secretary, and Treasurer, all of whom shall be elected annually by ballot at the first meeting of the Board of Trustees after election of members by the Annual Conference and whose term of office will terminate at the election and qualification of their successors.

Article III

Duties of Officers—Sec. 1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside when present at all meetings of the Board of Trustees, appoint committees, call special meetings of the Board of Trustees as occasion may require, sign orders on the treasurer for the payment of money and during the interim between meetings have general supervision of the affairs of the Board of Trustees, and to execute all legal papers on behalf of the corporation as provided by law.

Sec. 2. The duties of the Vice-President shall be to preside at all meetings of the Board of Trustees in the absence of the President and perform all other duties of the President in his absence.

Sec. 3. The duties of the Secretary shall be to keep a correct journal of the proceedings of all meetings of the Board of Trustees in a record book provided for that purpose and to take charge of and preserve all papers and documents belonging to his office, and to attend all legal papers of the Corporation. He shall deliver to his legal successor or to the Board of Trustees when requested all books and papers of the Corporation. He shall deliver to his legal successor or to the Board of Trustees when requested all books and papers in his possession belonging to said board.

Sec. 4. The duties of the Treasurer shall be to receive and take charge of, under the direction of the Board of Trustees, all moneys received by the Corporation and to pay out the same on the order of the President. He shall also keep an account of all moneys received by him, showing from what source received, and of all moneys paid out by him and render a full report of the transactions of the financial condition of his office to the Board of Trustees at its annual meeting, and at such other times as he may be directed by said board. He shall furnish, if required, by the Board of Trustees, before receiving any of the funds of the Conference, a fidelity bond in such amount as the Board of Trustees may direct from time to time, to cover the faithful performance of his duties. These bonds shall be made payable to the Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Montana, and shall be executed by some responsible bonding company approved by the Board of Trustees, and the cost of said bonds shall be paid by this Corporation. All moneys received by the Treasurer shall be deposited forthwith by him in some bank or other institution of deposit, subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees and he shall furnish a certified duplicate certificate of deposit to the chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees for each deposit as soon as made.

RULES OF THE MONTANA ANNUAL CONFERENCE**The Duties of the President**

1. The President shall see that all business pertaining to the Conference shall be brought forward and conducted in a proper manner, according to the provisions of the Discipline and Rules of the Conference.
2. He shall preserve order in all proceedings; and in debates shall keep the speakers to the question, and call them to order when they wander from the point, or from rules of order, or use any improper language.
3. He shall appoint all committees unless otherwise decided by the Conference, in which case the appointment shall be made by ballot or nomination, at the discretion of the Conference, no member thereof being permitted to nominate more than one person for the same committee.
4. When two or more members shall arise and address the President at the same time, he shall decide which of them is entitled to the floor.

The Duties of the Secretary

1. The Secretary shall record all answers to questions of law; also rulings made by the President in the transaction of the business of the Conference, and to keep a fair and correct record of its proceedings to be read at the commencement of each session thereafter subject to the correction of the Conference.
2. He shall carefully preserve the journals and papers of the Conference placed in custody, and shall not permit any person but a member to examine the same, nor shall he allow a member to make a transcript from either without the permission of the Conference and he shall also produce the journal and papers at the next annual session of the Conference.
3. He shall also, after the close of the Conference, make an appendix at the end of the journal in which he shall record all documents which shall be ordered by the Conference to be so recorded (the motion on which shall be taken without debate) and documents so recorded shall be referred to on the journal of the Conference.

The Duties and Privileges of Members

1. Every member who would speak should rise in his place and respectfully address the President, refraining from all personalities and indecorous language; but no member shall speak more than once on the same question (except to explain) until every member choosing shall have spoken; nor longer than fifteen minutes, without permission of the Conference.
2. When a member shall be called to order by the President or any member he shall take his seat until the question be decided by the President; nevertheless, he shall be allowed an appeal to the Conference which shall decide without debate.
3. Any member may call for the division of a question, which shall be granted when, in the judgment of the President, the sense will admit of it; and every member present shall vote on all questions unless excused by the Conference.

Questions to Be Taken Without Debate

A motion simply to adjourn. Motion to lie on the table.

STANDING RULES

1. Applicants for admission on trial shall not be over 35 years of age.
2. In view of the increasing number of claimants on our superannuate fund, the District Superintendents shall not encourage the transfer, and the Bishops are respectfully requested not to transfer any men to this Conference who are not in sound health and who are over forty years of age.
3. After September 1, 1912, candidates for admission on trial into full connection and for election to elder's orders must bring up all books to be read and all books studied without condition.

MISCELLANEOUS RULES

Section 1

1. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order.
2. When a question has been decided, any member who may have voted in the majority on said question may move for a reconsideration thereof.
3. When the reading of a paper is called for, and the same is objected to by a member, the question shall be determined by a vote of the Conference.
4. A motion may be withdrawn by the mover at any time before decision thereon or amendment thereto.
5. It shall always be in order at any time during the discussion of a proposition before the Conference (except during the examination of character), to move that the question be put without debate, and, if the motion is sustained by two thirds of the members present and voting, the debate shall at once cease, and the question shall be put.
6. No motion shall be entertained unless seconded, and all motions and resolutions shall be reduced to writing, if desired by the President or Secretary, or any member of the Conference.
7. No matter of business, other than that which pertains to the ordinary business of the Conference, shall be read by the Secretary, until the subject of it is stated by the introducer.
8. When the report of the committee is under consideration, the chairman or a member of the committee selected by the committee or its chairman, shall be entitled to close the debate, and the representative of the committee shall not be deprived of his rights to close the debate even by the ordering of a previous question. If the motion to lay on the table the report, or any part of it, be made, the representative of the committee may elect to speak before that motion is put, or to reserve his right and speak on the final question.
9. The yeas and nays shall be called and recorded on any question on the demand of fifteen members.
10. On the first day of the session at two o'clock the list of appointments shall be called and the preachers in charge requested to report collections to Treasurer and statistical reports to Statistical Secretary, and on the second morning after the approval of the minutes, the names of all who have not reported shall be called, and a proper excuse required.

11. When the call of districts for the passage of character is begun, it shall not be in order to interrupt the call for the transaction of other Conference business until all the districts are completed.

Section 2

1. In all other preliminary matters not specified in the above rules the Conference shall be governed by the well-settled principles of common parliamentary law and rules of the General Conference, so far as they will apply to this body.

STATISTICAL TABLES, 1917

JOHN M. WHITELEY, Statistician
GLEN DIVE, MONTANA

STATISTICIAN'S REPORT—BUTTE DISTRICT

List No.	NAME OF CHARGE	NAME OF PASTOR	Ministerial Support										Baptisms				
			Support of Pastor			Support of Dist. Supt.		Support of Bishops		Support of Conf. Cl'm'nts		Total Paid for Ministerial Support	Total Deficiency	Local Preachers No. on Charge	Adults Baptized	Children Baptized	Children under Instruction
			Total Cl'm, Inc. House Rent	Total Paid, Inc. House Rent	Rental Value of Parsonage	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid						
1	Anaconda	Jesse Lacklen...	2120	2120	500	162	162	30	30	75	75	2387	....	1	....	23	....
2	Avon	M. E. Vandemark	110	110	.....	10	10	3	3	5	1	124	4	....	....	....	....
3	Butte—Grace	J. H. Mitchell...	2040	2040	540	150	150	28	28	70	70	2288	....	....	....	9	....
4	Italian Mission ...	A. Trappolini....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
5	Mount Bethel and Wesley Chapel....	G. J. Stephens..	1300	1020	300	100	72	20	14	50	36	1142	328	....	3	46	....
6	Mountain View....	George D. Wolfe.	3100	3100	600	250	250	50	60	125	120	3530	5	3	6	30	....
7	Trinity	John G. Ross....	1500	1500	300	120	100	24	24	60	60	1684	20	3	30	12	....
8	Unity and Silver Bow Park	W. H. Pascoe...	1491	1491	180	131	131	22	18	65	59	1699	10	1	6	19	....
9	Big Blackfoot .....	.....	250	250	.....	25	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	275	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
10	Clancy and Jefferson.	Cecil J. Hannan.	480	480	30	45	45	9	5	22	12	542	31	.....	.....	.....	.....
11	Dillon and Lima....	H. G. Humphry..	2230	2230	480	175	175	35	30	87	75	2510	17	.....	.....	.....	.....
12	Drummond and Hall.	H. M. Cooper...	1100	1200	200	90	80	18	16	45	40	1336	17	.....	4	1	....
13	Hamilton	Charles Rhodes..	1040	1040	240	80	87	16	16	40	40	1183	.....	.....	3	4	....
14	Helena—Oakes St....	A. E. Plummer..	900	900	300	60	60	12	6	30	15	981	21	2	....	3	....
15	St. Paul's	R. C. Edgington.	2300	2300	500	165	180	33	36	82	90	2606	.....	5	8	11	....
16	Marysville	Walter Wampler.	122	122	72	5	.....	1	.....	2	.....	122	8	.....	....	1	....
17	Meadow Creek	Thos. Clarkson..	950	850	150	80	70	16	16	40	20	956	130	1	....	....	....
18	Missoula	Chas. D. Crouch.	2160	2160	360	180	180	36	36	90	90	2466	.....	.....	13	12	....
19	Ronan & St. Ignatius	E. D. Swisher...	1100	1000	100	100	90	20	18	50	45	1153	117	.....	....	4	....
20	Philipsburg	W. H. Calvert...	600	600	120	48	48	10	10	24	24	682	.....	.....	1	4	....
21	Sheridan and Ruby..	Fred Anstice....	950	950	150	80	90	16	16	40	40	1096	.....	.....	6	11	....
22	Stevensville	H. L. Blair.....	1050	1050	300	75	75	15	15	37	37	1177	.....	1	3	5	....
23	Superior & Alberton.	W. S. Tester....	720	650	120	60	42	12	7	30	12	711	111	.....	....	4	....
24	Thompson Falls and Plains	F. E. Dodds....	850	900	225	62	50	12	5	31	10	965	40	....	2	8	....
25	Three Forks	H. C. Mecklenburg	720	720	120	60	30	12	....	30	5	755	67	....	1	3	....
26	Townsend-Radersburg	G. Kopriva.....	1150	1050	100	85	85	17	17	42	18	1170	124	....	2	15	....
27	Twin Bridges	C. E. Cunningham	875	875	200	67	67	13	16	33	35	993	.....	.....	6	....	....
28	Whitehall	Fred'k T. Spencer	900	900	200	70	70	14	3	35	5	978	41	1	3	5	....
29	Winston and Beaver Creek	Walter L. Greer.	200	136	.....	20	16	4	3	10	7	162	72	.....	....	....	....
Totals			32128	31744	6397	2555	2440	498	448	1250	1041	35673	1146	18	65	253	14
Increase			2278	1934	82	277	162	36	37	150	23	2480	556	*	....	53	15
Decrease .....			.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21	....	....

*No change.

MONTANA CONFERENCE FOR 1917

Church Membership					Sunday Schools			Epworth League		Church Property								Gen. Conf. Expenses			List No.
Probationers		Full Members			Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Total Enrollment in all Departments	Senior Members	Junior Members	Church Buildings	Estimated Value of Land and Buildings	Parsonages	Estimated Value of Land and Buildings	Paid for Bldgs. & Imp's on Churches and Parsonages	P'd on Old Indebtedness on Churches and Parsonages	Present Indebtedness on Churches and Parsonages	Current Expenses	Apportioned for the Quadrennium	Paid This Year	Balance Due for the Quadrennium	
Received During Year	Now on Roll	Full Members on Roll	Non-Resident Members	Deaths during Year																	
2	2	312	20	3	1	20	425	39	....	1	25000	1	6500	456	.....	700	3000	....	8	....	1
....	....	7	....	....	1	4	28	....	....	1	2000	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	2
5	12	134	30	2	1	16	226	40	....	1	9000	2	5000	730	104	500	577	20	5	10	3
50	50	50	....	....	1	1	30	....	....	....	....	1	750	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	4
....	....	106	15	3	2	30	312	26	....	2	3500	....	....	136	....	....	330	16	4	12	5
....	....	570	....	4	1	41	584	67	....	1	30000	1	5000	200	....	....	2239	....	12	....	6
5	12	136	18	3	1	22	332	40	35	1	10000	1	2500	91	....	....	172	20	5	15	7
....	8	121	6	....	2	16	260	36	76	2	15000	....	....	25	....	....	541	....	....	....	8
....	....	33	....	....	1	6	63	....	....	2	2500	1	800	200	36	....	24	....	....	....	9
1	1	168	25	2	2	25	250	13	10	2	11500	4	11000	118	218	200	796	....	....	....	10
6	12	85	8	....	3	24	154	....	....	3	5000	2	1500	115	....	....	90	....	3	....	11
2	4	126	14	1	2	20	200	30	15	1	3000	1	2500	10	....	....	274	....	5	....	12
1	1	31	9	....	1	9	81	....	....	1	2500	1	1600	....	....	100	100	....	....	....	13
19	....	326	62	2	1	32	346	130	46	1	40000	1	4000	148	900	300	1080	....	10	....	14
1	....	5	....	....	1	4	34	4	30	2	2000	1	1500	100	....	....	....	....	....	....	15
....	....	53	....	6	2	9	237	....	....	3	5000	1	1500	128	....	....	74	....	....	....	16
12	4	410	33	2	2	40	548	75	....	2	52000	1	3000	310	1000	....	1537	36	12	24	17
9	9	72	1	1	4	26	230	....	....	3	5000	1	400	200	500	....	100	....	....	....	18
14	1	53	....	....	1	9	139	9	....	1	3000	1	3500	60	....	....	....	....	2	....	19
6	6	46	....	....	2	120	175	....	....	3	5450	2	2000	500	....	....	375	....	....	....	20
....	....	125	10	3	1	16	168	25	18	1	3000	1	2500	100	....	....	110	....	....	....	21
2	....	31	9	1	2	21	154	....	....	2	4500	1	1100	450	....	350	227	....	....	....	22
5	5	70	6	1	6	40	295	15	....	4	5300	1	2200	500	....	....	175	....	1	....	23
3	....	47	17	....	4	28	368	27	....	1	13000	1	400	60	150	3650	300	....	....	....	24
25	87	85	2	2	2	19	196	....	....	2	3400	1	1000	1300	75	260	215	5	....	....	25
30	70	70	15	2	2	15	140	50	75	1	3000	1	2500	200	....	....	50	20	....	....	26
7	15	42	18	1	5	23	193	....	20	2	3000	1	1500	100	....	....	300	15	....	15	27
....	....	24	2	....	2	6	30	....	....	1	1000	....	....	103	....	....	21	....	....	....	28
205	297	3336	322	58	56	606	6199	662	325	48	463450	28	67850	6350	2983	5986	12757	132	67	76	29
....	101	182	71	29	*	62	457	....	....	3	13500	....	9750	....	....	....	4244	22	3	65	
59	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	56	78	....	....	1	....	7578	2614	1499	....	....	....	....

STATISTICIAN'S REPORT—YELLOWSTONE DISTRICT

List No.	NAME OF CHARGE	NAME OF PASTOR	Ministerial Support										Total Deficiency	Local Preachers No. on Charge	Baptisms		
			Support of Pastor			Support of Dist. Supt.		Support of Bishops*		Support of Conf. Cl'm'nts		Total Paid for Ministerial Support			Adults Baptized	Children Baptized	Children Baptized under Instruction
			Total Cl'm, Inc. House Rent	Total Paid, Inc. House Rent	Rental Value of Parsonage	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid						
1	Alzada	F. M. Faith	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	11	11
2	Angela	F. M. Cass	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
3	Baker	J. E. Evans	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
4	Big Timber	Wilder Nutting	575	575	240	33	33	6	6	16	10	624	.....	.....	.....	2	.....
5	Billings	Geo. Mecklenburg	2500	2500	500	200	200	50	50	100	100	2850	.....	6	35	55	170
6	Bloomfield	W. A. Parkinson	575	420	50	53	37	10	8	26	19	484	280	.....	.....	.....	.....
7	Bozeman	R. P. Smith	2200	2200	400	180	180	36	36	90	90	2506	.....	.....	7	6	3
8	Bridger & Fromberg	Geo. M. Carter	1680	1680	480	120	120	24	36	60	18	1854	42	.....	4	10	30
9	Comanche	H. E. Chappell	930	876	180	75	65	10	9	32	32	982	65	.....	.....	9	2
10	Fairview	W. C. Smith	820	820	120	70	70	14	10	35	12	912	27	.....	4	9	4
11	Forsyth	F. C. Fulford	1200	1300	300	90	100	21	21	45	45	1466	.....	.....	1	8	.....
12	Fishtail	A. T. Peck	400	300	.....	40	11	8	.....	20	.....	311	157	.....	.....	2	.....
13	Glendive	J. M. Whiteley	1500	1700	500	100	100	20	20	50	50	1870	.....	.....	1	21	30
14	Hardin	Thomas Hardie	1182	1182	400	70	50	14	2	35	5	1239	62	.....	1	.....	.....
15	Huntley	Fred Whitford	1400	1400	300	110	110	25	25	55	55	1590	.....	.....	.....	3	.....
16	Ingomar	C. E. Fenton	352	352	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	352	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
17	Joliet and Edgar	W. H. Calfee	456	456	85	38	38	8	8	19	5	507	14	.....	.....	3	.....
18	Laurel	Otho Wise	900	900	400	50	50	10	10	25	25	985	.....	.....	5	5	.....
19	Livingston	H. A. James	1540	1540	240	130	130	26	26	65	65	1761	.....	1	12	27	19
20	Miles City	T. H. Martin	1800	1800	600	120	120	24	24	60	50	1994	10	2	2	21	19
21	Park City	F. O. Linger	520	620	120	40	50	8	8	20	28	706	.....	.....	4	1	.....
22	Pine Creek	T. H. Barker	1150	1150	200	95	95	20	20	47	45	1310	2	1	.....	6	12
23	Red Lodge	E. C. Bartlett	1100	1100	300	80	80	12	12	40	40	1332	.....	.....	.....	3	.....
24	Richey (Red Water Circuit)	T. L. McCutcheon	450	450	.....	45	45	9	8	23	23	526	1	3	.....	6	10
25	Sidney	W. G. R. Dann	1300	1300	300	100	100	20	5	50	10	1415	55	2	4	1	.....
26	Sioux Pass	John Hosking	250	400	.....	25	25	5	5	12	10	440	2	1	.....	4	.....
27	Wibaux	A. L. Hurlbut	450	450	150	30	30	6	2	15	3	485	16	.....	.....	3	.....
28	Wilsall and Clyde Pk.	W. B. Bliss	1500	1500	300	120	120	24	24	60	60	1404	.....	.....	2	8	.....
Totals			26730	26971	6165	2014	1959	410	375	1000	800	30105	733	16	84	223	302
Increase			128	1648	1205	.....	254	.....	63	30	55	2763	.....	.....	7	53	.....
Decrease			.....	.....	.....	58	.....	36	.....	.....	.....	1229	2	.....	.....	.....	.....

RECAPITULATION

1 Butte	Chas. L. Bovard	32128	31744	6397	2555	2440	498	448	1250	1041	35673	1146	18	65	253	14
2 Yellowstone	Edward Smith	26730	26971	6165	2014	1959	410	375	1000	800	30105	733	16	84	223	30
Totals		58858	58715	12562	4569	4399	908	823	2250	1841	65778	1879	34	149	476	44
Grand Totals, 1916		56462	55133	11279	4350	3897	908	723	2070	1763	60535	2552	36	163	370	44
Increase		2396	3582	1283	219	502	100	180	78	5243	106
Decrease		673	2	14

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Church Membership					Sunday Schools			Epworth League		Church Property								Gen. Conf. Expenses			
Received During Year	Now on Roll	Full Members			Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Total Enrollment in all Departments	Senior Members	Junior Members	Church Buildings	Estimated Value of Land and Buildings	Parsonages	Estimated Value of Land and Buildings	Paid for Bldgs. & Imp's on Churches and Parsonages	P'd on Old Indebtedness on Churches and Parsonages	Present Indebtedness on Churches and Parsonages	Current Expenses	Apportioned for the Quadrennium	Paid This Year	Balance Due for the Quadrennium	List No.
		Full Members on Roll	Non-Resident Members	Deaths during Year																	
21	38	38	2	.....	3	15	102	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
9	15	65	.....	1	2	10	135	10	10	2	7000	1	1500	300	.....	.....	99	.....	.....	.....	2
70	160	940	80	4	6	60	1525	115	170	1	75000	1	5000	1500	1500	10100	4300	.....	5	.....	3
1	3	49	11	.....	2	14	69	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	700	.....	.....	30	2	.....	.....	.....	4
32	.....	375	85	1	1	29	374	65	40	1	12500	1	1500	150	.....	40	1387	36	9	18	5
33	33	104	8	.....	3	29	268	25	23	2	10000	1	2500	351	100	200	667	.....	.....	.....	6
3	6	41	.....	.....	2	18	100	.....	.....	1	1800	1	1200	25	.....	65	180	.....	.....	.....	7
20	6	70	4	.....	1	11	101	24	.....	1	1500	1	1200	800	200	.....	60	.....	.....	.....	8
.....	15	160	.....	1	1	15	178	35	25	2	15000	1	3000	290	250	.....	150	.....	1	.....	9
.....	.....	20	.....	.....	4	12	47	.....	.....	2	2500	.....	.....	30	40	80	10	.....	.....	.....	10
2	.....	135	32	1	1	25	351	38	38	1	20000	1	4000	323	1402	6353	1831	30	16	10	11
.....	.....	68	2	.....	2	18	168	20	.....	1	6200	.....	.....	6200	.....	.....	600	.....	.....	.....	12
2	2	148	8	2	3	45	329	63	22	3	10000	1	2000	550	200	800	435	.....	5	.....	13
.....	8	24	4	.....	7	30	310	.....	.....	2	3000	.....	.....	1000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14
.....	.....	40	.....	2	3	15	99	.....	.....	3	7250	.....	.....	1000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15
3	4	61	7	.....	1	12	137	25	.....	1	8500	1	2000	65	200	500	60	.....	2	.....	16
16	11	263	7	3	1	22	310	60	25	1	9500	1	1500	225	.....	1150	100	14	4	7	17
10	2	271	20	3	1	20	317	82	.....	1	30000	1	5000	1000	.....	5000	525	.....	6	.....	18
6	6	40	.....	1	2	12	92	30	.....	1	2000	1	1000	.....	.....	.....	610	15	5	6	19
2	.....	106	12	.....	2	19	145	40	.....	1	3500	1	2000	.....	.....	.....	125	.....	.....	.....	20
.....	.....	77	28	.....	1	11	117	25	25	1	5000	1	3000	.....	250	500	80	20	5	10	21
7	75	75	7	1	4	18	188	.....	.....	2	1700	.....	.....	1100	.....	.....	20	.....	.....	.....	22
5	2	88	.....	.....	1	13	83	25	.....	1	3000	1	2000	200	.....	.....	125	.....	.....	.....	23
.....	.....	25	5	2	1	7	42	.....	.....	1	1000	.....	.....	248	18	.....	45	.....	.....	.....	24
5	6	65	.....	1	3	12	10	20	.....	.....	2000	1	.....	.....	25	85	.....	.....	.....	.....	25
41	2	120	16	1	3	33	319	45	.....	2	4000	1	4000	418	.....	150	250	.....	5	.....	26
302	394	3468	338	24	80	525	5916	747	378	37	241950	18	43100	15775	4465	25503	11991	115	68	51	27
129	51	381	49	5	17	23	324	31	1	20175	4303	27	28
.....	5	3	3700	13057	7335	681

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205	297	3336	322	58	56	606	6199	662	325	48	463450	28	67850	6350	2983	5986	12757	132	67	76	1
302	394	3468	338	24	80	525	5916	747	378	37	241950	18	43100	15775	4465	25503	11991	115	68	51	2
507	691	6804	660	82	136	1131	12115	1409	703	85	705400	46	110950	22125	7448	31489	24748	247	135	127	.....
437	539	6241	540	48	.....	.....	.....	1434	786	78	491725	50	104900	42760	17387	33669	16201	.....	105	.....	.....
70	152	563	120	34	.....	.....	575	.....	.....	7	213675	.....	6050	.....	.....	.....	8547	.....	30	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25	83	.....	.....	4	.....	20635	9939	1180	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS—BUTTE DISTRICT

NAMES OF CHARGES	SUNDAY SCHOOLS														
	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars, not including Home Department and Cradle Roll	Members in Home Department	Children on the Cradle Roll	Total all Dep'ts, Inc. Cradle Roll and Home Dep't Of'ers and T'chrs	Average Attendance of all Grades	Offic's & Teachers, Members or Probationers	Scholars, Members or Probationers	Members of Sunday School Converted	Accessions from Sunday School	Collections Church	Collections Sunday School	Collections Missionary Offering	S. S. Expenses: Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.
1 Anaconda	1	20	295	70	40	425	180	18	150	4	2	20	....	8	150
2 Avon	1	4	24	....	....	28	20	....	....	....	....	....	....	9	196
3 Butte—Grace	1	16	190	....	20	226	107	14	48	3	5	....	....	....	....
4 Italian Mission	1	1	29	....	....	30	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
5 Mount Bethel and Wesley....	2	30	228	29	25	312	149	29	60	....	....	....	6	....	80
6 Mountain View	1	41	367	100	76	584	256	41	....	....	....	20	17	13	206
7 Trinity	1	22	250	....	60	332	162	16	66	6	5	....	12	....	174
8 Unity and Silver Bow.....	2	16	238	....	6	260	174	13	33	7	7	1	....	3	161
9 Big Blackfoot	3	12	58	....	....	58	42	10	18	....	....	....	....	....	16
10 Clancy and Jefferson.....	1	6	57	....	....	63	35	6	5	....	....	1	1	1	15
11 Dillon and Lima	2	25	195	15	15	250	140	14	44	1	1	....	17	7	187
12 Drummond and Hall	3	24	130	....	....	154	70	20	35	7	11	....	2	....	58
13 Hamilton	2	20	170	....	10	200	116	20	65	5	2	2	....	4	76
14 Helena—Oakes Street	1	9	72	....	....	81	63	9	10	1	1	....	2	....	50
15 St. Paul's	1	32	280	20	14	346	178	32	186	12	12	....	....	15	170
16 Marysville	1	4	30	....	....	34	18	3	....	....	....	....	4	....	60
17 Meadow Creek	2	9	55	35	18	237	65	9	25	....	....	....	10	20	300
18 Missoula	2	40	418	30	60	548	360	40	200	8	8	12	3	....	120
19 Ronan Circuit	4	26	204	....	....	230	110	20	30	9	....	....	5	....	45
20 Philipsburg	1	9	103	....	27	139	55	9	12	1	8	....	....	....	60
21 Sheridan and Ruby.....	2	20	155	....	....	175	20	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	20
22 Stevensville	1	16	110	12	30	168	80	15	85	4	2	....	2	....	22
23 Superior and Alberton.....	2	21	135	....	16	175	90	6	8	....	....	....	....	....	85
24 Thompson Falls and Plains.....	6	40	225	10	20	295	175	20	60	5	5	1	....	3	137
25 Three Forks	4	28	270	....	70	368	125	18	40	....	3	5	....	9	145
26 Townsend and Radersburg.....	2	19	148	....	29	196	102	19	23	3	3	....	4	....	60
27 Twin Bridges	2	15	125	....	....	140	90	10	....	....	5	3	1	....	23
28 Whitehall	5	23	160	....	10	193	106	20	40	11	8	....	....	1	60
29 Winston and Beaver Creek.....	2	6	24	....	....	30	14	4	14	....	....	2	....	....	23
Totals	59	554	4755	292	550	5990	3265	542	1226	147	88	67	94	94	2761
Increase	3	10	503	....	46	248	204	141	....	....	*	....	42	....	....
Decrease .....	....	....	....	89	....	....	....	....	305	94	....	29	....	13	181

*No Report last year.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS—YELLOWSTONE DISTRICT

NAMES OF CHARGES		SUNDAY SCHOOLS														
		Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars, not including Home Department and Cradle Roll	Members in Home Department	Children on the Cradle Roll	Total all Dep'ts, Inc. Cradle Roll and Home Dep't Of'ers and T'chrs	Average Attendance of all Grades	Offic's & Teachers, Members or Probationers	Scholars, Members or Probationers	Members of Sunday School Converted	Accessions from Sunday School	Collections Church	Collections Sunday School	Collections Missionary Offering	S. S. Expenses: Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.
1	Alzada	3	15	83	....	4	102	87	4	....	11	11	....	....	....	38
2	Angela	2	10	125	....	....	135	66	7	27	....	....	....	....	....	23
3	Baker	6	60	1140	200	125	1525	540	50	642	45	45	....	25	13	724
4	Big Timber	2	14	55	....	....	69	40	9	15	....	....	1	....	....	10
5	Billings	1	29	271	14	60	374	155	28	....	7	7	....	....	26	138
6	Bloomfield	3	29	197	....	42	268	110	26	31	33	....	....	....	5	147
7	Bozeman	2	18	80	....	20	100	60	12	55	5	3	2	....	2	30
8	Bridger and Fromberg.....	1	11	90	....	....	101	60	11	24	11	11	2	....	1	80
9	Comanche	1	15	135	....	28	178	90	14	75	12	10	11	....	....	75
10	Fairview	4	12	35	....	....	47	10	6	....	7	....	....	....	....	15
11	Forsyth	1	25	276	....	50	351	164	21	63	2	8	2	2	8	113
12	Fishtail	2	18	150	....	....	168	95	18	35	....	....	....	....	....	90
13	Glendive	3	45	262	....	22	329	235	45	40	2	2	13	....	....	180
14	Hardin	7	30	280	....	....	310	200	14	10	....	....	....	4	....	140
15	Huntley	3	15	84	....	....	99	55	7	25	....	....	....	....	....	....
16	Ingomar	1	12	113	....	12	137	52	10	28	....	5	2	....	2	48
17	Joliet and Edgar	1	22	225	18	45	310	150	22	117	14	11	6	13	....	180
18	Laurel	1	20	225	40	32	317	152	17	87	6	4	....	....	10	127
19	Livingston	2	12	80	....	....	92	65	10	....	7	6	....	....	....	40
20	Miles City	2	19	126	....	....	145	94	19	55	....	2	10	....	2	73
21	Park City	2	11	106	....	....	117	70	8	21	....	....	....	6	3	64
22	Pine Creek	4	18	160	....	10	188	140	13	10	....	....	2	....	....	55
23	Red Lodge	1	13	70	....	....	33	46	13	25	....	....	....	....	3	50
24	Richey (Red Water Circuit)....	1	7	35	....	....	42	30	4	....	....	....	1	....	....	30
25	Sidney	3	12	58	....	....	70	50	....	....	....	....	2	....	....	50
26	Sioux Pass	3	33	272	....	14	319	160	25	....	25	5	....	....	....	200
27	Wibaux															
28	Wilsall and Clyde Park.....															
Totals		62	525	4733	272	464	5926	2976	413	1385	187	130	54	50	79	2721
Increase .....		....	23	131	....	25	118	96	8	93	12	*	39	....	17	....
Decrease		1	....	....	50	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	11	....	285
Butte District—Totals		59	554	4755	292	550	5990	3265	542	1226	147	88	67	94	94	2761
Increase		3	10	503	....	46	248	204	141	....	....	*	....	42	....	....
Decrease .....		....	....	....	89	....	....	....	....	305	94	....	29	....	13	181
Conference Totals		121	1079	9488	564	1014	11916	6241	955	2611	334	218	121	144	173	5482
Increase		2	33	634	71	366	300	149	10	4
Decrease	139	212	82	31	466

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CONFERENCE ROLL AND DIRECTORY

Effective Elders	Address	Years App'tm't.	Entered Ministry	Entered Montana Conference
1 Adams, Paul M.	Helena		Montana, 1902	Trial, 1902
2 Barker, Thos. H.	Drummond	1	Montana, 1904	Trial, 1904
3 Bartlett, E. C.	Red Lodge	3	Upper Iowa, 1902	Transfer, 1909
	Helena			
4 Bovard, Chas. L.	(Dist. Supt.)	3	S. E. Indiana, 1882	Transfer, 1899
5 Calvert, W. H.	Philipsburg	4	Kentucky, 1887	Transfer, 1908
6 Carter, G. M.	Butte	1	Montana, 1915	Trial, 1915
7 Chirgwin, John	Helena		Montana, 1905	Trial, 1905
8 Cooper, Harry M.	Fairview	2	Des Moines, 1908	Transfer, 1911
9 Crouch, Chas. D.	Missoula	6	Montana, 1899	Trial, 1899
10 Cunningham, C. E.	Townsend	2	Arkansas, 1886	Transfer, 1899
11 Dann, W. G. R.	Pine Creek	1	Puget Sound, 1910	Transfer, 1914
12 Donaldson, Chas.	Helena	1	Minnesota, 1905	Transfer, 1918
13 Fenton, C. E.	Hardin	1	N. W. Nebraska,	Transfer, 1911
14 Fulford, F. C.	Butte	2	Montana, 1908	Trial, 1908
15 Hardie, Thomas	Miles City	1	Montana, 1910	Trial, 1910
16 Humphrey, H. G.	Dillon	4	St. Louis, 1901	Transfer, 1915
17 James, H. A.	Butte	2	N. W. Iowa, 1884	Transfer, 1895
18 Kelley, F. O.	U. S. Army		Rock River	Transfer, 1912
19 Kopriva, Godfrey	Twin Bridges	2	N. Montana, 1914	Transfer, 1916
20 Lacklen, Jesse	U. S. Army		N. Ohio, 1907	Transfer, 1911
21 Martin, T. H.	Livingston	1	Montana, 1902	Trial, 1902
22 Mecklenburg, Geo.	Billings	6	N. Montana, 1911	Transfer, 1913
23 Mecklenburg, H. C.	Denver, Colo.		N. Minnesota, 1911	Transfer, 1915
24 Miller, Thos.	Wilsall	2	N. Montana, 1912	Transfer, 1917
25 Mills, Edward L.	Salt Lake City		Montana, 1902	Trial, 1902
26 Mitchel, J. H.	U. S. Army		Wilmington	Transfer, 1914
27 Nutting, Wilder	Three Forks	2	Montana, Miss., 1883	Original Mem., 1887
28 Papa, J. M. A.	Chicago, Ill.		Montana, 1913	Credentials, 1913
29 Parkinson, W. A.	Comanche	1	N. Minnesota, 1904	Transfer, 1917
30 Pascoe, W. H.	Helena	1	Montana, 1903	Credentials, 1903
31 Ponath, O. G.	Laurel	1	N. Dakota	Transfer, 1917
32 Rhodes, Chas.	Hamilton	5	Montana, 1908	Trial, 1908
33 Ross, John G.	(War) Y. M. C. A.		N. Montana, 1908	Transfer, 1909
	Bozeman		Columbia River,	
34 Smith, Edward	(Dist. Supt.)	3	1893	Transfer, 1898
35 Smith, R. P.	Bozeman	4	Montana, 1895	Trial, 1895
			Columbia River,	
36 Smith, W. C.	Forsyth	1	1896	Transfer, 1915
37 Stull, G. C.	U. S. Army		New Jersey, 1882	Original Mem., 1887
38 Spencer, F. T.	Whitehall	3	Montana, 1905	Trial, 1905
39 Swisher, E. D.	Bridger	1	Cent. Illinois, 1910	Transfer, 1912
40 Welch, Arthur D.	Sidney	1	Upper Iowa, 1899	Transfer, 1918
41 Whiteley, J. M.	Glendive	3	Canada, 1904	Credentials, 1908
42 Whitford, Fred	Huntley	3	Montana, 1907	Trial, 1907
43 Wolfe, George D.	Butte	9	Indiana, 1880	Transfer, 1910
44 Wolfe, Chas. F.	Anaconda	1	Montana, 1913	Trial, 1913
Supernumerary				
45 Latham, F. M.	Laurel	1	S. Illinois	Transfer, 1917
46 Linger, F. O.	Park City	1	Montana, 1909	Trial, 1909
47 Leland, T. S.	Seattle, Wash.	6		Transfer, 1905
48 Meeke, J. A.	Anaconda	3	Montana, 1904	Trial 1904
49 Stevens, G. J.	Superior	1	N. Dakota, 1908	Transfer, 1912
50 Western, R. T.	Rising Sun, Md.		Upper Iowa	Transfer, 1912
Retired				
51 Badcon, J. A.	Seattle, Wash.	4		Transfer, 1905
52 Hosking, John	Deer Lodge	9	Montana, Miss., 1885	Original Mem., 1887
53 King, George D.	Whitehall	4	Cent. Illinois, 1880	Original Mem., 1887
54 Kershaw, Andrew	Oakesdale, Wash.	8		Transfer, 1902
55 Oliver, S. A.	McAllister	4	Detroit, 1884	Transfer, 1888
56 Mills, Jacob	Helena	5	Montana, Miss., 1882	Original Mem., 1887
57 Morrison, A. P.	Los Angeles, Cal.	8		Transfer, 1907
58 Snider, S. E.	McKeesport, Pa.	20	Upper Iowa, 1872	Original Mem., 1887
UNDER-GRADUATES				
First Year				
59 Anstice, Fred	Army Y. M. C. A.		N. Montana, 1915	Transfer, 1917
60 Ortmyer, Louis	McAllister	2	Montana, 1918	Trial, 1918
61 Peck, Aden T.	Park City	2	Montana, 1917	Trial, 1917
62 Trappolini, A.	Butte		Newark, 1916	Transfer, 1917
63 Vandemark, M. E.	Helena		Montana, 1917	Trial, 1917
Second Year				
64 Greer, Walter L.	Army Y. M. C. A.		Montana, 1914	Trial, 1914
65 Hanan, Cecil G.	Helena		N. Montana, 1914	Transfer, 1917
66 Rankin, Ira F.	Helena		Montana, 1916	Trial, 1916
Third Year				
67 Calfee, W. H.	Unknown		Colorado, 1915	Transfer, 1917
68 Hoover, A. C.	Price, Utah		Montana, 1913	Trial, 1913
69 Plummer, A. E.	Thompson Falls		Montana, 1911	Trial, 1911

Officers of the Conference

PRESIDENT

Bishop William Orville Shepard Wichita, Kansas

SECRETARY

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Charles Rhodes Thomas Hardie

TREASURER

Fred Whitford Huntley

ASSISTANTS

H. E. Chappell E. D. Swisher

STATISTICIAN

F. C. Fulford Butte

ASSISTANTS

Thos. Miller W. G. R. Dann Godfrey Kopriva

REGISTRAR

Thomas Hardie Miles City

Conference Committees

TRUSTEES OF THE CONFERENCE

Jacob Mills, S. A. Oliver, H. A. James, E. H. Fisher, E. C. Bartlett.

TRIERS OF APPEALS

Jacob Mills, Charles D. Crouch, R. P. Smith, S. A. Oliver, J. M. Whiteley.

BOARD OF STEWARDS

For One Year—R. P. Smith, Charles D. Crouch, J. E. Farnum.

For Two Years—C. L. Bovard, J. A. Meeke, S. E. Dove.

For Three Years—C. E. Cunningham, H. A. James, E. H. Fisher.

President, H. A. James; Secretary, J. A. Meeke.

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For One Year—Mrs. J. F. Mills, Wm. Lutey, R. P. Smith.

For Two Years—Mrs. Edward Smith, Dr. H. E. Carman, H. G. Humphrey.

For Three Years—Mrs. Geo. Mecklenburg, John Chirgwin, Judge F. B. Reynolds.

President, H. G. Humphry; Secretary, John Chirgwin.

BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

C. L. Bovard, Edward Smith, Frederick, Spencer, Thomas Hardie, S. E. Dove, Thomas Layfield, R. J. Cunningham, Mrs. E. O. Valliant.

BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION

C. L. Bovard, Edward Smith, George D. Wolfe, C. M. Donaldson, H. A. James, Chas. F. Wolfe, William Lutey, F. B. Price, P. H. Sherrard, B. K. Wheeler, J. H. Strain, C. E. Avery.

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Executive Committee—The officers and C. L. Bovard and Edward Smith.

EPISCOPAL RESIDENCE

C. L. Bovard, Edward Smith, C. M. Donaldson, E. D. Elderkin, E. H. Fisher.

CONFERENCE BOUNDARIES

C. L. Bovard, Edward Smith, Paul M. Adams, Geo. Mecklenburg, Chas. D. Crouch.

BOARD OF CHURCH LOCATION AND ERECTION

Butte District—C. L. Bovard, C. M. Donaldson, Paul M. Adams, G. A. Bailey, A. D. Welch.

Yellowstone District—Edward Smith, T. H. Martin, T. H. Barker, F. B. Reynolds, Andrew Seaberg.

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For One Year—Geo. D. Wolfe, H. A. James, R. J. Cunningham, C. E. Avery.

For Two Years—R. P. Smith, A. D. Welch, John Inch, Guy E. Marvin.

For Three Years—Geo. Mecklenburg, C. E. Fenton, D. R. McRae, Prof. H. McCall.

BOARD OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS

George Mecklenburg, H. G. Humphrey, C. E. Fenton, E. D. Elderkin, C. M. Donaldson, J. B. Montgomery.

COMMISSION ON FINANCE

T. H. Martin, W. C. House, George Mecklenburg, E. D. Swisher, J. M. Whiteley, E. C. Bartlett, G. E. Marvin, J. H. Inch.

TRUSTEES MONTANA WESLEYAN COLLEGE

For Term Ending March, 1919—Robert C. Edgington, Charles D. Crouch.

For Term Ending March, 1920—R. P. Smith, Edward Laird Mills.

For Term Ending March, 1921—Jesse Lacklen, J. V. Kohler.

TRUSTEES KIMBALL SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

Geo. D. Wolfe, Prof. R. J. Cunningham, Conference Visitor, Geo. D. Wolfe.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS

John A. Meeke, chairman; Thos. Hardie, registrar.

STANDING COMMITTEES**Conference Relations—**

For One Year—Charles D. Crouch, H. A. James, C. E. Cunningham.

For Two Years—T. H. Barker, C. E. Fenton, George Mecklenburg.

For Three Years—E. C. Bartlett, C. M. Donaldson, R. P. Smith.

President—Charles D. Crouch.

Book Concern—A. E. Plummer, Harry M. Cooper, W. C. Smith.

Freedmen's Aid—F. C. Fulford, T. H. Barker, W. H. Pascoe, W. A. Parkinson.

Hospitals—W. G. R. Dann, A. D. Welch, Geo. Mecklenburg, A. J. Movius, R. M. Pinkney, Thos. Miller.

Temperance—F. T. Spencer, E. D. Swisher, G. D. Wolfe, W. K. Pascoe, A. D. Welch, E. C. Bartlett, H. L. Blair.

Epworth League—W. H. Pascoe, Charles Rhodes, Godfrey Kopriva, Chas. F. Wolfe.

History and Memoirs—Geo. D. King, Jacob Mills, S. A. Oliver, H. A. James, G. M. Carter.

Resolutions—F. O. Linger, A. D. Welch, O. G. Ponath.

Publishing the Minutes—Thomas Hardie, J. M. Whiteley, Fred Whitford, F. T. Spencer.

Auditing—W. H. Calvert, G. J. Stevens.

Pro Rating Secretary—T. H. Martin, A. E. Plummer, A. T. Peck.

Uniform Method of Church Finance—Geo. Mecklenburg, H. M. Cooper, Charles D. Crouch.

Centenary, District Superintendents—Charles D. Crouch, R. P. Smith, George D. Wolfe, George Mecklenburg, G. M. Porter.

War Relations—H. G. Humphrey, J. M. Whiteley, H. A. James, Thos. Hardie, Jacob Mills.

Delegates to Federal Council—L. H. Sweetland, Edward Smith.

Fraternal Delegate to Northwest Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, South—Geo. D. Wolfe.

Fraternal Delegate to Montana Conference, Congregational Church—J. M. Whiteley.

Courtesies—H. A. James, Charles D. Crouch, H. E. Chappell.

Methodist Review—Ira F. Rankin.

Reporter—R. P. Smith.

Postmaster—C. E. Cunningham.

Disciplinary Questions

1. **Is this Annual Conference Incorporated According to the Requirement of the Discipline?**

It is.

2. **Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conferences?**

Thomas Miller, North Montana; F. M. Latham, S. Illinois; A. D. Welch, N. Montana; C. M. Donaldson, N. Montana; Carl L. Bash.

3. **Who have been Readmitted?**

None.

4. **Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches?**

L. S. Knightwine, M. E. Church South.

5. **Who have been Received on Trial?**

(a) In studies of First Year. Louis Lorenz Ortmyer

(b) In studies of Third Year under the Seminary Rule. None.

6. **Who have been Continued on Trial?**

(a) In studies of First Year. Fred Anstice, M. E. Vandermark, A. Trapolini, A. T. Peck.

(b) In studies of Second Year. Cecil J. Hanan, Ira F. Rankin, Walter L. Greer.

(c) In studies of Third Year. None.

(d) In studies of Fourth Year. None.

7. **Who have been Discontinued?**

None.

8. **Who have been Admitted into Full Membership.**

(a) Elected and Ordained Deacons this year. None.

(b) Elected and Ordained Deacons previously. H. L. Blair.

9. **What Members are in Studies of Third Year?**

(a) Admitted into Full Membership this year. H. L. Blair.

(b) Admitted into Full Membership previously. W. H. Calfee, A. C. Hoover, A. E. Plummer.

10. **What Members are in studies of Fourth Year?**

None.

11. **What Members have completed the Conference Course of Study?**

(a) Elected and Ordained Elders this year. Geo. M. Carter, W. G. R. Dann, Charles F. Wolfe.

(b) Elected and Ordained Elders previously. None.

(c) Elected and Ordained Elders under the Seminary Rule. None.

12. What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?

- (a) As Local Deacons. None.
- (b) Under Missionary Rule. None.
- (c) Under the Seminary Rule. None.

13. What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders.

- (a) As Local Deacons. None.
- (b) Under Missionary Rule. L. S. Knightwine (elected to Elder orders, but not present for ordination).

14. Was the Character of each Preacher examined?

This was strictly done in open conference.

15. Who have been transferred, and to what Conferences?

J. W. Starr, Ill.; W. B. Bliss, Neb.; R. L. Putnam, Dakota; R. C. Edgington, N. Montana; F. E. Dodge, N. Mont.; Carl L. Bash.

16. Who have died?

J. W. Tait.

17. Who have been located at their own Request?

N. S. Beard.

18. Who have been located?

None.

19. Who have Withdrawn?

None.

20. Who have been permitted to withdraw under Charges or Complaints?

None.

21. Who have been Expelled?

None.

22. What other personal Notation should be made?

The effective membership of Thos. Miller transferred into this Conference from the North Montana Conference last year should be recorded as continuous. H. L. Blair having failed of admission in 1906 by technicality, and he having served more than two years under the Dist. Supt., he was by unanimous vote elected to full membership.

23. Who are the Supernumerary Ministers, and for what number of years consecutively has each held this Relation?

W. H. Calfee (1), F. M. Latham (1), F. O. Linger (1), G. J. Stephens (1), T. S. Leland (6), R. L. Western (2).

24. Who are the Retired Ministers?

J. A. Badcon, John Hosking, Andrew Kershaw, Geo. D. King, Jacob Mills, A. P. Morrison, S. A. Oliver, S. E. Snider.

25. Who are the Triers of Appeals?

Jacob Mills, Chas. D. Crouch, Jno. M. Whiteley, R. P. Smith, S. A. Oliver. Reserves: J. A. Meeke and T. H. Barker.

26. **What is the Annual Report of the Conference Board of Home Missions and Church Extension?**
See Report.
27. **What is the Annual Report of the Conference Board of Foreign Missions?**
See Report.
28. **What is the Statistical Report?**
See the Statistician's Report.
29. **What is the Conference Treasurer's Report?**
See the Conference Treasurer's Report.
30. (a) **What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer?**
\$17,812.
- (b) **What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the Annual Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer?**
\$79,437.
31. **What are the Claims on the Conference Funds?**
For annuity distribution, — years multiplied by the Disciplinary rate of \$—— per year, \$1553; for necessitous distribution, \$1320. Total, \$2873.
32. (a) **What has been Received on these Claims?**
From the Book Concern, \$612. From Annual Conf. Investments, \$127. From the Chartered Fund, \$——. From Pastoral Charges, \$2090. From the Board of Conf. Claimants, \$200. Total, \$3029.
- (b) **How has it been Applied?**
See report.
33. **What amount has been apportioned to the Pastoral Charges within the Conference, to be raised for the Support of Conference Claimants?**
(Par. 336.)
\$3000.
34. **What amount has been paid by the Conference Treasurer to the Board of Conference Claimants for Connectional Relief?**
\$131.
35. **Where are the Preachers Stationed?**
See list of Appointments.
36. **Where shall the Next Conference be held?**
Glendive, Montana.

Appointments

Butte District

C. L. Bovard, Superintendent	- - - - -	Helena (3)
Anaconda	- - - - -	C. F. Wolfe (1)
Avon and Marysville	- - - - -	C. G. Hannan (2)
Big Blackfoot Circuit	- - - - -	To be supplied
Butte: Grace Church	- - - - -	G. M. Carter (1)
Butte: Italian Mission	- - - - -	To be supplied
Butte: Mt. Bethel and Wesley	- - - - -	Supplied by T. R. Clarkson (2)
Butte: Mountain View	- - - - -	G. D. Wolfe (9)
Butte: Silver Bow	- - - - -	Supplied by F. C. Fulford (2)
Butte: Trinity	- - - - -	H. A. James (2)
Butte: Unity	- - - - -	F. C. Fulford (2)
Clancy and Jefferson	- - - - -	Ira F. Rankin (1)
Dillon	- - - - -	H. G. Humphrey (4)
Dillon Circuit	- - - - -	To be supplied
Drummond and Hall	- - - - -	T. H. Barker (1)
Hamilton and Sula	- - - - -	Charles Rhodes (5)
Helena: Oakes Street	- - - - -	W. H. Pascoe (1)
Helena: St. Pauls	- - - - -	C. M. Donaldson (1)
Meadow Creek	- - - - -	Louis Ortmyer (1)
Missoula	- - - - -	Charles D. Crouch (5)
Philipsburg	- - - - -	W. H. Calvert (1)
Ronan	- - - - -	Supplied by W. I. Greer (1)
St. Ignatius	- - - - -	Supplied by W. F. Tester (1)
Sheridan and Ruby	- - - - -	Supplied by Otto Wise (1)
Stevensville	- - - - -	H. L. Blair (1)
Superior and Alberton	- - - - -	Supplied by L. E. Simes (1)
Thompson and Plains	- - - - -	A. E. Plummer (1)
Three Forks	- - - - -	Wilder Nutting (2)
Townsend	- - - - -	C. E. Cunningham (2)
Twin Bridges	- - - - -	Godfrey Kopriva (2)
Whitehall	- - - - -	F. T. Spencer (3)
Winston	- - - - -	Supplied by Wm. Koehler (1)

Yellowstone District

Edward Smith, Superintendent	- - - - -	Bozeman (3)
Alzada Circuit	- - - - -	To be supplied
Angele and Hill Crest	- - - - -	To be supplied
Ashland and Birney	- - - - -	Supplied by P. B. Fritch (2)
Baker	- - - - -	H. E. Chappell (1)
Big Timber and Reedpoint	- - - - -	Supplied by T. L. McCutcheon (1)
Billings	- - - - -	George Mecklenburg (6)
Bloomfield	- - - - -	Supplied by Frank Peters (1)
Bozeman	- - - - -	R. P. Smith (4)

Bridger and Fromberg	- - - - -	E. D. Swisher (1)
Clyde Park	- - - - -	To be supplied
Comanche Circuit	- - - - -	W. A. Parkinson (1)
Fairview Circuit	- - - - -	H. M. Cooper (2)
Forsyth	- - - - -	W. C. Smith (1)
Glendive	- - - - -	J. M. Whiteley (3)
Hardin	- - - - -	C. E. Fenton (1)
Huntley Circuit	- - - - -	Fred Whitford (3)
Ingomar Circuit	- - - - -	To be supplied
Laurel and Joliet	- - - - -	O. G. Ponath (1)
Lake Basin	- - - - -	To be supplied
Livingston	- - - - -	T. H. Martin (1)
Miles City	- - - - -	Thomas Hardie (1)
Park City	- - - - -	A. T. Peck (2)
Pine Creek	- - - - -	W. G. R. Dann (1)
Red Lodge	- - - - -	E. C. Bartlett (3)
Richey Circuit	- - - - -	To be supplied
Sidney	- - - - -	A. D. Welch (1)
Wibaux	- - - - -	Supplied by A. L. Hurlburt (4)
Wilsall	- - - - -	Thomas Miller (2)

Special Appointments

P. M. Adams, Vice President of Montana Wesleyan College; member of St. Pauls, Helena, Quarterly Conference. (5)

John Chirgwin, Field Agent of Montana Deaconess School; member of St. Pauls, Helena, Quarterly Conference. (6)

E. L. Mills, Secretary of the Department of the Frontier of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension; member of St. Pauls, Helena, Quarterly Conference. (3)

G. C. Stull, Chaplain in the United States Army; member of the Billings Quarterly Conference.

Jesse Lacklen, Chaplain in U. S. A., member of the Anaconda Quarterly Conference.

F. O. Kelley, Chaplain in the U. S. A., member of the Billings Quarterly Conference.

J. H. Mitchell, Chaplain in U. S. A., member of Grace Church, Butte, Quarterly Conference.

Martin E. Van Demark, in U. S. Army; member of St. Pauls, Helena, Quarterly Conference.

F. Anstice, in Y. M. C. A. War Work; member of the Sheridan and Ruby Quarterly Conference.

J. G. Ross, in Y. M. C. A. War Work; member of Livingston Quarterly Conference.

W. L. Greer, in Y. M. C. A. War Work, member of St. Pauls, Helena, Quarterly Conference.

Amadeo Trappolini, member of Mountain View, Butte, Quarterly Conference; A. C. Hoover, member of St. Pauls, Helena, Quarterly Conference; H. C. Mecklenburg, member of Freeport Quarterly Conference; and J. M. A. Papa, member of Mountain View, Butte, Quarterly Conference; left without appointment to attend some of our schools.

Missionary Appropriations, 1918-19

Yellowstone District

Alzada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$200
Angela & Hill Crest	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100
Ashland & Birney	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	200
Baker	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	400
Big Timber & Reed Point	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	150
Bloomfield	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	200
Comanche	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	150
Forsyth	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100
Hardin	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	400
Ingomar	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100
Laurel & Joliet	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	400
Lake Basin	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100
Park City	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	175
Red Lodge	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100
Richey Circuit	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	250
Wibaux	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	200
Fairview Circuit	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100
District	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100
Discretionary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	75

I concur.

W. O. SHEPARD.

Butte District

Avan & Marysville	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 50
Italian Mission	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Mt. Bethel & Wesley	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Silver Bow	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Big Blackfoot	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Clancy & Jefferson	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Dillon Circuit	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Hamilton & Sula	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Oakes St. Helena	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Philipsburg	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Ronan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25
St. Ignatius	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20
Superior & Alberton	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25
Stevensville Circuit	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20
Thompson Falls & Plains	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25
Three Forks	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	35
Twin Bridges	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25
Whitehall	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100
Winston	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100
Disposal of D. S.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100

I concur.

W. O. SHEPARD.

DAILY PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
THIRTY-SECOND SESSION
OF THE
MONTANA CONFERENCE, METHODIST
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Convened in Grace Church, Dillon, August 21, 1918.

Bishop William Orville Shepard, D.D., L.L.D., presiding.

FIRST DAY, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21, 1918.

Devotions—The devotions were conducted by Bishop Shepard, who delivered an inspiring address on The Doctrines Peculiar to Methodism, which will long be remembered by the members of the conference. Following the devotions, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by the Bishop assisted by the District Superintendents and the pastor, Rev. H. G. Humphrey.

Memorial Session—Rev. George D. King presiding. After prayer by Rev. John Hosking, the following read memoirs: For Rev. J. W. Tait, Chas. L. Bovard and George D. Wolfe; for Sister Calfee, G. M. Carter, E. C. Bartlett, C. E. Fenton and Supt. Edward Smith; for Dr. T. C. Iliff, Bishop Shepard and W. W. Van Orsdell (Bishop Shepard also paid a glowing tribute to the late Bishop Franklin Hamilton, who presided at our last conference session); for Edith Chappell, Supt. Smith; for Dolores Whiteley and Hugh Norman Whiteley, W. G. R. Dann. Mention was also made of the death of Dorothy, eldest child of Dr. E. L. Mills, and instructions were given for a suitable memoir to be prepared and recorded with the others. (See Memoirs.)

Roll Call—Following the Memorial Session the Secretary of the Previous Conference called the roll and the following members and probationers responded: Retired Veterans, John Hosking, Andrew Kershaw and George D. King. Effective Elders, Paul M. Adams, E. C. Bartlett, Chas. L. Bovard, W. H. Calvert, John Chirgwin, Harry M. Cooper, Chas. D. Crouch, C. E. Cunningham, F. E. Dodds, R. C. Edgington, C. E. Fenton, F. C. Fulford, Thos. Hardie, H. G. Humphrey, H. A. James, Godfrey Kopriva, T. H. Martin, George Mecklenburg, W. A. Parkinson, W. H. Pascoe, O. G. Ponath, Chas. Rhodes, Edward Smith, R. P. Smith, W. C. Smith, F. T. Spencer, G. J. Stephens, E. D. Swisher, Fred Whitford, J. M. Whiteley and George D. Wolfe. Supernumerary, J. A. Meeke. Undergraduates, Ira F. Rankin,

Fred Anstice, Aden T. Peck, A. Trappolini, H. L. Blair, A. E. Plummer, Chas. F. Wolfe, G. M. Carter, W. G. R. Dann and H. E. Chappell.

Organization—The conference was duly organized with Bishop Shepard presiding. Upon refusal of Paul M. Adams to be re-elected secretary, J. M. Whiteley was elected to that office. Fred Whitford was re-elected treasurer, and F. C. Fulford was elected statistician. These officers chose as their assistants the following who were duly elected: To the secretary, Thos. Hardie and Chas. Rhodes; to the treasurer, E. D. Swisher and H. E. Chappell; to the statistician, W. G. R. Dann, Godfrey Kopriva and Thos. Miller.

Upon motion a resolution presented by Chas. L. Bovard relative to the meeting of the Commission on Conference Boundaries between the conferences of Montana, it was decided that the said committee from this conference be retained and instructed to meet in connection with the Home Mission Council at its session planned to convene this fall or winter.

Changes in Conferences Committees—The conference committees were re-elected with the following changes:

Trustees of the Conference, E. C. Bartlett added.

Triers of Appeals, J. M. Whiteley to take the place of Chas. L. Bovard.

Board of Stewards (for three years), E. H. Fisher to take the place of Albert May (deceased).

Deaconess Board (for two years), Dr. H. F. Carman in place of Jesse Lacklen, and H. G. Humphrey in place of J. H. Mitchell.

Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, R. C. Edgington in place of Jesse Lacklen, and Chas. F. Wolfe in place of J. H. Mitchell.

Board of Church Location and Erection (Yellowstone District), T. H. Martin in place of Wilder Nutting, and T. H. Barker in place of H. A. James.

Board of Education (for one year), C. E. Avery in place of W. H. Lutz; (for two years), F. E. Dodds in place of John G. Ross; (for three years), C. E. Fenton in place of Jesse Lacklen.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Freedman's Aid, W. A. Parkinson was added.

Hospitals, Thos. Miller was added.

Temperance, H. L. Blair in place of F. O. Kelley.

Epworth League, Godfrey Kopriva in place of John G. Ross and Chas. F. Wolfe in place of J. H. Mitchell.

History and Memoirs, G. M. Carter in place of J. W. Tait.

Resolutions, O. G. Ponath in place of Walter Greer.

Publishing the Minutes, Paul M. Adams and F. O. Kelley dropped and F. T. Spencer added.

Centenary, District Superintendents, Chas. D. Crouch, R. P. Smith, George D. Wolfe, George Mecklenburg and George M. Carter.

War Relations, H. G. Humphry, J. M. Whiteley, H. A. James, Thos. Hardie and Jacob Mills.

Courtesies, H. E. Chappell was added.

Uniform Method of Church Finance, H. M. Cooper in place of Jesse Lacklen.

Pro-Rating of Transportation, A. E. Plummer and A. T. Peek were added.

Fraternal Delegate to Northwest Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church South, George D. Wolfe.

Fraternal Delegate to Montana Conference, Congregational Church, J. M. Whiteley.

Methodist Review, Ira F. Rankin.

Reporter, R. P. Smith.

Postmaster, C. E. Cunningham.

PROGRAM ACCEPTED

The printed program was accepted as the order of business.

Upon motion of George D. Wolfe it was decided that all gifts to war work should be reported under the head of "Other Benevolences" except that given to our War Council which should be reported as specified in the vouchers for the same.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS

Bishop Shepard informed the Conference that owing to the fact that Dr. Hingeley was desirous of leaving to bid farewell to his two sons who were to leave for France next day he would like the hour of adjournment extended that he might address us before leaving. Dr. Hingeley was then introduced and brought a forceful message in the way of an appeal for better support for our Conference Claimants. Acknowledging a substantial increase in giving to this fund the speaker showed how inadequate it was to meet the needs. In concluding his remarks he presented the Conference with a check from the General Office for \$200.00 and announced that our share of the Book Concern Dividends was \$612.00.

INTRODUCTIONS

The Bishop then introduced Dr. James C. Baker, pastor of Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, Urbana, Illinois, and Dr. Sherwood of Kimball School of Theology.

Dr. Charles D. Crouch was appointed chairman for the statistical session to commence at 1:30.

After announcements conference adjourned with prayer by Geo. D. King.

1:30 p. m., Statistical Session. Charles D. Crouch presided. After devotions the brethren responded to the roll-call by turning in their reports to the treasurer and statistical secretary. Session adjourned.

Following the Statistical Session the Woman's Home Missionary Society held their Anniversary Service, at which Mrs. E. L. Miller of Pasadena, Cal., very ably presented the War Work of the Society. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. N. H. Fuller, Miles City; secretary, Mrs. G. M. Tinker, Helena; treasurer, Mrs. N. E. Church, Alhambra; mite box secretary, Mrs. A. E. Nash, Clancy; secretary of Young People's Work, Mrs. George Mecklenburg, Billings.

Mrs. J. B. Slemmon of Butte was made a life member of the Society.

Following this service the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society held their anniversary, Dr. Mark Freeman giving an illustrated lecture on the Woman of the Orient which was well received. At eight o'clock Dr. Clarence True Wilson gave a forceful address on War Prohibition to a splendid audience of enthusiastic listeners.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22ND

At 8:30 Bishop Shepard gave a timely address on "The Indwelling Christ," after which conference was called to order.

The minutes of the former session were read and approved.

The treasurer then called the list of charges from which reports had not been received.

The character of Supt. Charles L. Bovard was passed and his report received (see report).

The character of Supt. Edward Smith was passed and he submitted his report (see report).

Both reports were very encouraging showing a substantial increase along every line of church work in spite of the multitudinous demands of the various war activities. Suitable mention was made of the pastors and pastors' sons who have entered military service during the year. The Centenary Movement also received recognition and enthusiastic endorsement.

The characters of the following members of the conference and probationers were passed and those present reported benevolences and the pro-rating of ministerial support: Jesse Lacklen, Cecil J. Hannan, J. H. Mitchell, A. Trapplini, Thomas Clarkson, Geo. D. Wolfe, Charles F. Wolfe, H. A. James, F. E. Fulford, H. G. Humphrey, I. F. Rankin, W. C. Smith, Charles Rhodes, A. E. Plummer, R. C. Edgington, L. L. Ortmayer, Charles D. Crouch, W. H. Calvert, E. D. Swisher, W. S. Tester, Fred Anstice, H. L. Blair, F. E. Dodds, Wilder Nutting, C. E. Cunningham, Godfrey Kopriva and F. T. Spencer.

Yellowstone District: O. G. Ponath, Geo. Mecklenburg, W. A. Parkinson, R. P. Smith, Geo. M. Carter, C. E. Fenton, F. E. Chappell, H. M. Cooper, W. G. R. Dann, J. M. Whiteley, Thomas Hardie, Fred Whitford, W. A. Greer, Otto Wise, F. M. Latham, John G. Ross, T. H. Martin, A. T. Peck, T. H. Barker, E. C. Bartlett, W. H. Pascoe, Thomas Miller.

Special Appointments: G. C. Stull, Paul M. Adams, A. C. Hoover, John Chirgwin, E. L. Mills, H. C. Mecklenburg, Fred O. Kelley.

A committee of inquiry was appointed in the case of G. J. Stephens.

Bishop Shepard urged upon the brethren the necessity of raising the full apportionment for benevolences, and the pro-rating of the ministerial support.

The Centenary Movement was then made the order of the day and the speakers, Dr. Fulkerson, Dr. Freeman and Dr. Baker, were called to the platform. Bishop Shepard in well-chosen remarks prefaced the introduction of the subject showing the need of the movement for the reconstruction problems to face us after the war.

Dr. Baker was then introduced and spoke on the timeliness and urgency of the Centenary Movement as a war measure. Dr. Baker reviewed the world conditions showing the imperativeness of the Centenary Movement due to universal and international problems needing readjustments and reconstruction which can be accomplished through an international heart rather than through an international mind. The work of the church is to create this heart.

Dr. Baker was followed by Dr. Fulkerson who addressed the Conference on the subject of Vision, Intercession and Stewardship. He brought before us the collapse of modern civilization which had left God out of its development and led the world into a slaughter house. The speaker dwelt on the progress of democracy and its preparation of the world for the final overthrow of autocracy which can come only through the collapse of Nominal Christianity, and an aggressive program of Vital Christianity with a glowing vision of God leading on to final victory, because of an honest recognition of our duty in the stewardship of life and property.

At the close of the address, Dr. Fulkerson called for a consecration service and all knelt in fervent prayer.

The announcements were made, and the session adjourned with prayer by Paul M. Adams.

The Afternoon Session Opened with a devotional meeting led by the Bishop, after which Dr. Freeman addressed the Conference on "Prayer as a Factor in Our Lives." Dr. Freeman emphasized the great need of private prayer with God Himself as our Teacher, teaching us how to pray and leading us into closer fellowship with Himself.

Dr. Van Cleve was introduced and addressed the Conference on the Organization of the Centenary in the Local Church. The speaker briefly reviewed the history of the leaders in each crisis of the church up-to-date, and compared the issues of each with the issues of today, showing how the Centenary is intended to meet and solve present-day problems. He emphasized the need of a solidified organization with every member at work and thoroughly consecrated, and closed his remarks with a consecration service.

The Conference was then favored with a much appreciated selection by the ladies' quartette.

The announcements were made.

Upon motion, the report of Montana Wesleyan Campaign was made the first order of business for the next session.

The session adjourned with prayer.

In the evening Dr. Freeman gave an intensely interesting illustrated lecture on "Making Democracy Safe for the World," showing the work that must be undertaken and accomplished before Democracy is safe.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23

The Conference reconvened at 8:30 in a devotional meeting led by Bishop Shepard. The Bishop gave an inspiring address on the "Witness of the Spirit," urging that this doctrine peculiar to Methodism be emphasized and sanely interpreted.

Following the devotions the Conference was called to order. The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

The Bishop presented a check from the Book Concern for \$612.50.

The committee appointed to inquire into the case of G. J. Stephens reported that their findings justified further action.

The committee was retained and instructed to prefer charges against said G. J. Stephens.

The Conference then went into executive session.

Upon motion the specified charges were read, charging the brother with conduct unbecoming a minister of the Gospel.

Upon motion of Supt. Smith the charges were received and upon motion of Supt. Bovard a trial before a select committee ordered.

R. C. Edgington was elected counsel for the church and Chas. D. Crouch was chosen as counsel for the defense.

The superintendents together with the counsels were elected as a committee to name the select committee and named the following: E. C. Bartlett, Geo. D. Wolfe, W. H. Calvert, H. A. James, C. E. Fenton, R. P. Smith, C. E. Cunningham, T. H. Martin and T. H. Barker.

The conference then reconvened in regular session and upon motion resolved itself into Corporate Session and the treasurer of the Board of Trustees submitted his report which was accepted (see report).

A request was read from Carlton asking for the authorization of the sale of our unused property in that place. The request was granted.

A similar request was made by Supt. Bovard in regards to the property at Victor, and the superintendent was empowered to make whatever disposition of the property he deemed wise.

Supt. Smith was authorized to sell the parsonage at Ekalaka to the Congregational church or exchange it for other property.

The characters of the following supernumerary ministers were passed: N. S. Beard, Holton, Kas., who was located at his own request; J. A. Meeke, who was continued in the same relation. The case of W. H. Calfee was discussed and he was placed in the supernumerary relation. The case of T. S. Leland and R. T. Western were referred to the Conference Relations committee acting as a special committee, under paragraph 263.

The characters of the following retired ministers were passed: J. A. Badcon, John Hosking, Andrew Kershaw, George D. King, Jacob Mills, A. P. Morrison, S. A. Oliver, S. E. Snider.

The secretary was instructed to send greetings to the absent retired ministers.

The case of F. M. Latham was discussed and he was given supernumerary relations. The same action was taken in the case of F. O. Linger.

The transfers of F. M. Latham and Thomas Miller were announced.

The following transfers out were announced: J. W. Starr to the Illinois Conference, W. B. Bliss to the Nebraska Conference, L. R. Putnam to the Dakota Conference.

A resolution from the Conference Stewards was read and adopted (see resolution).

The session closed with prayer by Dr. L. E. Simes.

At 2 p. m. the anniversary of the Deaconess Board was held, John Chirgwin in charge. Supt. J. A. Martin of Great Falls District gave the address

in which he reviewed the work of the Deaconesses in Montana from the opening of the Great Falls hospital up to the present showing the wonderful achievements of these consecrated women and the great need of recruits for Deaconess work.

Following Rev. Martin's address Rev. George Mecklenburg by request told his experiences in his visit to the cantonments. This address was both interesting and instructive.

In the evening a splendid audience was favored with the Bishop's masterful lecture on "The Joy of Living," which was both entertaining and inspiring. We have all a new appreciation of the joys in nature, the home, good books and walking with God because of this address.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24

Devotions at 8:30 were led by Bishop Shepard who spoke on the Apostolic fervor of early Methodism paying a glowing tribute to the Wesleys, Whitfield, Captain Webb, Asbury and others; and warned the brethren against becoming perfunctory and professional in a time of unusual stress demanding an unusual Gospel of unusual tenderness and comfort. Conference was then called to order by the Bishop.

Moved by Superintendent Bovard that this Conference endorse the note against the Three Forks church which falls due November first; it was so ordered.

The findings of the committee in the case of G. J. Stephens were submitted by Dr. Jacob Mills (see Report of Committee).

The Committee on Education was excused for a special committee meeting. Dr. Bovard presented the subject of the new uniform plan of Conference organization, which Dr. Van Cleve explained. Upon motion it was adopted, and Thomas Hardie was elected auditor, and chose as his assistants _____.

In accordance with the new plan Fred Whitford was elected treasurer for the next year.

Geo. M. Carter, W. G. R. Dann and Chas. F. Wolfe were graduated from the Conference course of Study and elected to Elder's orders. W. H. Calfee, A. C. Hoover and A. E. Plummer were continued in the studies of the third year. Fred Anstice, M. E. Van Demark, A. T. Peck and A. Trappolini were continued on trial in the studies of the first year. Ira F. Rankin was continued on trial and advanced to the studies of the second year. Harry E. Chappell and H. L. Blair were continued in studies of third year and elected to membership in the Conference. Louis Lorenz Ortmyer was passed in studies for admission on trial admitted, and placed in studies of first year. He was then introduced to the Conference.

Dr. Sherwood, representative of Kimball School of Theology was introduced and addressed the Conference in behalf of the School.

H. L. Blair and H. E. Chappell were called to the altar to receive the Bishop's message. The Bishop's address was impressive and tender, as well as a challenge to heroism. The candidates answered the usual questions satisfactorily and were admitted to full membership.

Glendive was unanimously chosen as the next place of meeting. The statistical secretary read his report which was accepted (see report).

Upon motion the pastors were instructed to compare their reports to Conference with those of the Epworth Leagues to convention to avoid apparent discrepancies.

Joint Session. E. E. Collins, president of Laymen's Association, was introduced and brought the greetings and pledge of support from the Laymen. The report of the Laymen's Association as accepted by them was read by Mrs. L. E. Sargent, and requested published.

The Bishop on behalf of the Conference responded to the greetings of the Association, pledging co-operation.

Rev. Geo. Mecklenburg proposed that owing to the financial condition of the "Messenger" that a committee of five be appointed and report a plan for financing the same. A committee was appointed consisting of Revs. Mecklenburg, Miller, Carter, Meeke and Bovard, who were instructed to report at the afternoon session.

Robert H. Hughes, editor of the "Pacific Christian Advocate" and representative of the Book Concern, briefly brought the claims of each before the Conference.

Rev. J. Chirgwin, financial agent of the Deaconess School, was introduced and presented the claims of that institution.

Announcements were made and the Session adjourned with prayer, to meet at 2:30.

At 2:30 the Bishop called the Conference to order. The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Upon request of Bishop Hughes, L. S. Knightwine, a member of Southwest Missouri Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church south, was admitted upon his credentials to membership in this Conference, and elected to elder's orders under the Missionary rule, with the understanding that he would be transferred back to his own Conference when same met in September of this year.

The report of the Deaconess Board was read by H. G. Humphrey and was accepted.

W. H. Pascoe read the report of the Epworth League Committee which was accepted.

The report of Freedmen's Aid Society Committee was presented by T. H. Barker; report accepted.

Report of Board of Stewards was presented by J. A. Meeke. The treasurer of the Board of Stewards was authorized to pay the account of C. P. Adams to the Book Concern and withhold this amount from the amount payable to his widow.

Upon motion it was decided to increase the amount to be apportioned for the support of Conference claimants, to be collected from the charges, to three thousand dollars, the apportioning of the same to be left to the District Superintendents on the basis of 6 per cent of pastor's cash salary, the additional amounts, if any, to be apportioned by the District Superintendents. With these insertions the report of the Board of Stewards was accepted.

Report of committee on publishing the "Messenger" was submitted by George Mecklenburg. Conference by standing vote declared in favor of the continuance of the "Messenger," under the following plan: Editors, E. L. Mills and Chas. L. Bovard; the home of the "Messenger" to be Montana Wesleyan College. It was decided that every charge should subscribe for two copies of the "Messenger" for every five members. The following brethren voted by standing endorsing this: Chas. L. Bovard, Edward Smith, Geo. Mecklenburg, H. G. Humphrey, Chas. D. Crouch, E. C. Bartlett, Geo. D. Wolfe, C. F. Wolfe, F. C. Fulford, Thos. Miller, H. M. Cooper, Charles Rhodes, W. S. Tester, L. L. Ortmyer, A. T. Peck, W. S. Calvert, Fred Whitford, W. A. Parkinson, Wilder Nutting, W. C. Smith, T. H. Barker, C. E. Fenton, W. A. Greer, H. A. James, Godfrey Kopriva, I. F. Rankin, A. E. Plummer, G. J. Stephens, W. H. Pascoe, J. A. Meeke, H. L. Blair, Fred Spencer, H. E. Chappell, E. D. Swisher and J. M. Whiteley.

Miss Asella Iverson was licensed as a deaconess.

The Board of Education presented their report which was accepted (see report).

The Board of Education presented a resolution requesting the General Conference to recommit the whole direction of the course of study to the Board of Bishops. The resolution was adopted (see reports).

It was decided upon motion to require from each candidate a synopsis of not less than one thousand words upon each book of collateral reading.

Upon motion it was decided to assess each pastor five mills per dollar cash salary, exclusive of missionary money and house rent and the secretary was instructed to have 600 copies of the minutes printed. The secretary was authorized to edit the various lengthy reports.

Chas. D. Crouch read the report of the Committee on the Dormitory Campaign which was accepted.

The Committee on Home Missions gave their report which was also accepted.

The Committee on Foreign Missions read their report which was accepted.

The resolutions of the Centenary Committee were adopted as submitted.

The Bishop presented the plan of Area organization for Centenary Movement, and suggested the appointment of a Conference Council. The following were elected for same: Geo. D. Wolfe, Thomas Hardie, C. E. Avery and W. R. Movius, Sr.

Paul M. Adams was appointed to prepare a suitable memoir for J. A. Doughty to be inserted in the Conference minutes.

The Conference Relations Committee acting as a special committee under paragraph 263 reported requesting the location of T. S. Leland and R. T. Western, each of whom was granted another year in the Supernumerary relation.

The character of G. J. Stephens was passed.

Report of Temperance Committee was submitted and accepted.

The treasurer read his report which was adopted.

J. M. Whiteley was elected Fraternal Delegate to the Congregational Conference to be held at Glendive October 1 to 3.

The Pro-rating Committee on traveling expenses reported that they were ready to make adjustments.

Conference adjourned.

In the evening Chas. D. Crouch, presiding, the anniversary of the Board of Education was held. Dr. L. H. Sweetland represented the Board, delivering a splendid address on the need of well trained Christian leaders.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

The Conference Love Feast at 9 a. m. was led by "Brother Van." It was indeed a time of soul refreshing, and was followed by a sermon by Bishop Shepard which lifted the splendid audience into the very atmosphere of God's presence. The text was "I am come that ye might have life and that ye might have it more abundantly." The sermon should inspire us to greater things for God.

An Ordination and consecration service was held at 3 p. m., when George M. Carter, W. G. R. Dann and Chas. F. Wolfe were ordained elders by Bishop Shepard. The ordination service was very impressive and was followed by a consecration service at which the brethren pledged themselves to greater service, setting as their goal for next year an increase in membership of not less than 25 per cent.

In the evening the Epworth League Anniversary was held. The speaker was Edward Smith, pastor of Joyce Memorial Methodist Episcopal church, who ably outlined the work of the Epworth League and what could be accomplished if everything possible was done to make this organization of the church effective.

Dr. Baker followed with an address on the Relation of the Church to the School showing the impossibility of religious instruction in our state schools and the interest that our church should take in the religious life of the students in these schools.

Following the evening service the Conference was called to order by the Bishop. Minutes of previous session read and adopted. Apportionments of Home Missions for the various charges were read by Supt. Smith.

Upon his own request G. J. Stephens was granted supernumerary relations.

A protest was registered against the Los Angeles Amendment to the Constitution of the Young Women's Christian Association.

The following were elected Triers of Appeals: Jacob Mills, Chas. D. Crouch, J. M. Whiteley, R. P. Smith, S. A. Oliver; reserves, J. A. Meeke and T. H. Barker.

Committee on Resolutions submitted their report, which was read by F. E. Dodds. Report was adopted.

Chas. L. Bovard moved that the Conference adjourn upon the reading of the minutes and the appointments.

It was so ordered.

Minutes were read and approved. The Bishop read the appointments and Conference adjourned.

This certifies that the foregoing is a correct report of the Thirty-second session of the Montana Annual Conference.

JOHN M. WHITELEY, Secretary.

W. O. SHEPARD, President.

This certifies that on Sunday, August 25, 1918, in Dillon, Montana, assisted by several Elders, I ordained Geo. M. Carter, Charles F. Wolfe and W. G. R. Dann, as Elders in the Church of God.

Done by the authorization of the Montana Annual Conference and in accordance with the discipline of the Methodist Episcopal church.

W. O. SHEPARD, Bishop.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LAY ASSOCIATION HELD AT
DILLON, MONT., IN THE BAPTIST CHURCH,
AUGUST 23 AND 24, 1918**

Meeting called to order at 10:30 a. m., opened with singing and prayer. In the absence of the president, Prof. J. Scott Wiseman was elected chairman and delivered the address of welcome.

Mrs. Wilder Nutting was elected secretary in place of Howard Bowden who had been called to the colors.

The minutes of the former meeting were read and approved, after which Dr. Fulkerson of Japan brought a forceful message on the Mission of the Centenary Movement, showing how, if carried out the church would give \$2.00 instead of 32 cents per member per year as at present to missions.

After a short recess, the meeting was called to order and the following committees appointed:

Credentials—Mesdames Bartlett, Kopriva and Marsh.

Nominations—John Callow, Mrs. James and Mrs. Skones.

Resolutions—E. D. Elderkin, Samuel Fletcher and Mrs. Sargent.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned.

At 2 p. m. Rev. George Mecklenburg addressed the convention in the Methodist church on "Our Boys in Camp."

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24TH.

At 10 a. m. President Collins called the meeting to order and led in devotional exercises.

Upon motion all laymen present were given the privileges of elected delegates.

W. R. Movius was elected to serve on the Committee on Resolutions in place of E. D. Elderkin (absent).

Upon resolutions of Committee on Credentials the following were seated as official delegates:

Butte Trinity	-	-	-	-	Mr. H. A. James
Butte Grace	-	-	-	-	John Callow
Butte Mountain View	-	-	-	-	E. D. Elderkin
Butte Mountain View	-	-	-	-	Mrs. H. F. Carmen
Missoula	-	-	-	-	Mrs. M. Skones
Missoula	-	-	-	-	Mrs. L. E. Sargent
Alhambra	-	-	-	-	Mrs. Church
Clancy	-	-	-	-	Mrs. Nash
Meadow Creek	-	-	-	-	Samuel Fletcher
Sheridan	-	-	-	-	K. J. Kirkpatrick

Twin Bridges	-	-	-	-	Mrs. Godfrey Kopriva
Three Forks	-	-	-	-	Mrs. Wilder Nutting
Billings	-	-	-	-	E. E. Collins
Billings	-	-	-	-	W. R. Movius
Bozeman	-	-	-	-	Mrs. Edward Smith
Miles City	-	-	-	-	A. H. Gregory
Glendive	-	-	-	-	Mrs. Moore Eyer
Glendive	-	-	-	-	H. R. Gibb
Glendive	-	-	-	-	Mrs. H. R. Gibb
Hardin	-	-	-	-	A. Churchill
Hardin	-	-	-	-	Mrs. A. Churchill

Following committee was appointed to prepare Constitution and By-Laws:

E. E. Collins, Dr. H. F. Carmen, A. H. Gregory.

Following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

E. E. Collins, President	-	-	-	Billings
Karl Kirkpatrick, 1st Vice	-	-	-	Sheridan
Mrs. L. E. Sargent, 2nd Vice	-	-	-	Missoula
Mrs. Wilder Nutting, Secretary	-	-	-	Three Forks
E. D. Elderkin, Treasurer	-	-	-	Butte

After a talk by the president on the finances of the Association the meeting adjourned to hold joint-session with the ministerial conference.

E. E. COLLINS, President.

MRS. WILDER NUTTING, Sec.

RESOLUTIONS

We, the Laymen's Association of the M. E. Conference now in session at Dillon, beg to submit the following resolutions:

Whereas, Realizing the great obligation of the Church of Christ in these critical times, and feeling if our church measures at all up to Christ's standard for us,

Be it Resolved, That we heartily endorse the Centenary Movement inaugurated by the M. E. Church, and so ably presented at this session by the Centenary team. That we pledge to assist our pastors in every way possible to make it a source of spiritual power to our several charges.

And be it further Resolved, That in as much as already evidences are to be seen that the liquor forces in the state are determined to attract the attention of the people to war issues in order that their thought may not be concentrated on the Prohibition question, that we watch carefully that Prohibition and law enforcement do not take a secondary place in our activities. That we avail ourselves of every opportunity to elect at the coming election those candidates whom we are sure are **right** on the liquor question.

And be it further Resolved, That we rejoice that another Deaconess hospital has been erected in the city of Butte under the able management of

Miss Hills, and that the Deaconess hospital at Bozeman has gained so many friends that it has been compelled to erect a new modern building, and that we also note with pleasure the work commenced on the Deaconess hospital at Billings. We heartily commend the work of the Deaconess school at Helena and feel the day is near when larger buildings must be erected at this institution. Already we learn the school has its full quota. With all the needs, the one pressing need of the hour, is for young women to volunteer for this service, and we urge all our laymen to encourage candidates for this noble work and be it further

Resolved, The growth of our Montana Wesleyan College demands our sincere appreciation of the work of our president, L. H. Sweetland, and again we pledge ourselves to stand back of that institution, realizing the great need of a Christian school in our beloved state. We are informed that nearly \$60,000 has been subscribed for the new dormitory building, and we urge that the campaign to be launched in September for the balance of the money needed, be pressed on all our charges.

And be it further Resolved, That we deplore the fact that Montana Methodism as a whole fails to adequately support our official organ, the Messenger; that we feel it of vital importance that this paper be not only continued but that we, as a church, rally to its support in such a way as to insure its continued publication.

Be it further Resolved, That we extend our thanks to the friends in Dillon, who so kindly provided for our comfort, and to the Baptist friends for the use of their church for our meeting, and be it further

Resolved, That this series of resolutions be read before the joint session of the Annual Conference and spread upon the minutes of the same.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. L. E. SARGENT.

SAMUEL FLETCHER,

W. R. MOVIUS.

These resolutions were formally adopted in the Lay Association and read again in joint session.

Reports of District Superintendents

BUTTE DISTRICT

Charles L. Bovard, Superintendent

Bishop and Brethren:

It is with a real and profound sense of gratitude to Almighty God that I lay before you my annual report of the Butte District. There are many views of what such a report should be. I have some views on the question—views that I have not as yet been able to realize. A few well-chosen and accurate statistics, so brought together for comparison that both the strong and weak places in our operations might become instantly apparent, would form the body of the report if I had such statistics available in time to properly digest and arrange them. As it is we get our statistics too late for such incorporation into our reports. The pre-conference questionnaire, aside from being but poorly responded to, must remain indefinite and incomplete—a mere series of guesses until the very last minute. About all I can do then is to indicate in a general way the work of the year. If I do not personalize, it will be understood, I hope, that it is for brevity's sake—not because I have not duly noted the special achievements of the band of noble men who have been under my supervision for the past year.

I. Pastoral Supply

We entered the year with but two vacant charges: Meadow Creek and the Big Blackfoot circuits. Practically this was the case, for while we had the promise of a brother for the former charge, he yielded to the persuasions of his home conference and failed us. And with all of our efforts to supply this charge we were unable to do so until the latter part of April, when we had the good fortune to secure the services of the Reverend Louis Ortmyer, who will seek admission to our conference at this session. The Big Blackfoot circuit, lying at a great distance from the railroad, and being without a parsonage or tangible organization, was attached to the Drummond charge for such supply as the weather and the of Brother Smith would permit. The importance of this big valley, however, is not lost sight of and we hope to be able to properly man it this year. In the case of our other charges the men went promptly to them and have remained faithfully throughout the year. For while Brothers Lavelle and Mitchell have been called into chaplaincies, they practically closed their year's labors in their charges before going. Brothers Rankin, Van DeMark and Wampler from our undergraduate classes have all resigned recently and enlisted in the army. Their reports are all in, however, and nothing suffered in their going. Brother Anstice, a British subject, has indicated his intentions of going at this session to join the British army. Upon the advice of his physicians, Dr. George D. Wolfe of Mt. View charge was granted a leave of absence last fall, and spent the winter months in Southern California. His son, Charles F. Wolfe, associate pastor by Bishop Hamilton's appointment last year, held the work in fine shape during his father's absence.

II. Finances, Stewardship, Etc.

I think we can see some progress in the matter of support for our work in the various charges. While some of our folks still hold on to the old idea that our church finances must rest back upon a kind of begging system, most of them are studying sympathetically our superb Disciplinary Plan—involving instruction, budget and the every member canvass. Prejudice dies out slowly, however, and it will require line upon line and precept upon precept to get the people to fully adopt this very efficient method of conducting the finances of a church. But when our people come to realize the futility of a consecration that exhausts itself in mere songs and empty words, but does not take hold of our intelligence and business abilities, they will begin to see that God has a right over the things that count among men. Over fifty per cent of our charges have already adopted the New Disciplinary Plan, and, with more or less completeness, are operating it.

III. The Centenary Celebration.

In connection with stewardship matters, I will speak briefly of our Centenary program. It was my privilege to attend the District Superintendents' convention at Columbus, Ohio, in June last, and there to gather much inspiration and to receive light on the plans of our church to suitably celebrate the hundredth anniversary of the inception of our Missionary work. This involves the raising of eighty millions of dollars for our Home and Foreign Missionary enterprises. The machinery has been set in motion. Our better than four million members, and our additional millions of adherents and friends will rally to this call. The sum fixed upon is not an arbitrary assessment, but is the total of careful surveys of the minimum needs of our respective fields. Our success constitutes our embarrassment. The times call for things both large and intensely real. It takes money to get these things. We dare not lag. We are face to face with a grave peril in church matters no less than in state affairs. So far from this big program causing us to tremble and grumble we should thank God that he has given us leaders with the faith and vision to dare to project an enterprise so worthy of our confidence and so inspiring to the best that is within us. It must be prayed through before it can be paid through. God's ownership and our stewardship must be fully realized.

IV. The Sunday School.

The Sunday school is the best and most generally organized department of our church. There may be some falling off in enrollment this year. A few of our schools in the more sparsely settled places have yielded to the gloom of the over-shadowing war and closed. Everywhere there is a dearth of workers. And we have had constantly to meet the tide of sentiment that would abandon the regular church work in the belief that such a step would increase the unity and efficiency of our war preparations. But a little thought will convince any one conversant with history that slighting religion as a patriotic measure is more likely to turn out idiotic than patriotic. Undoubtedly the falling off in enrollment can be traced to

the demands of the Red Cross and other war agencies calling our teachers to these important duties and leaving them less time to devote to their classes.

But in many respects the Sunday schools have made rapid strides in the direction of organization and general efficiency. Many of our schools now have well organized departments with the beginnings of what will soon be adequate equipment. Children's day was quite generally observed in the interests of education. The calls for the various relief objects have been responded to most heartily. We regret that we have been unable to secure more advance in the adult Bible class organization. Teacher training is pretty nearly unknown to us. There is need for a campaign for a more intensive improvement in our schools. More schools and better schools should be our slogan. And the key to this improvement is the development of teachers. I think the Board of Sunday Schools might well consider giving us a conference worker to conduct such a campaign.

V. The Epworth League.

We have a few church organizations without Epworth Leagues. So far we have been able to re-organize at about the same rate that the abandonment has taken place. But it has seemed to me that it is becoming easier to abandon the League organization than formerly. I was pleased to learn that the state organization is taking steps to have a field worker to go over the state in the interests of this important adjunct to our church. Our Leagues are still imbued with the Missionary spirit, willing to support the various agencies of our church. The state convention at Livingston in spite of losses in leadership occasioned by the war and high rates of travel was a most enthusiastic occasion.

It is to be feared that as pastors we do not just see the value and place of the Epworth Leagues in the church. The last General Conference did a wise thing in making the Junior League a substitute for the Children's Class where such is properly organized. In a recent book, issued by our Book Concern, "A Working Program for the Local Church," by Warren F. Cook, this statement will be found: "The well-organized Sunday school can do all that an Epworth League and a Junior League can do, and much more, without duplicating workers and work." We are not ready to subscribe to this statement. It seems to me that when an Epworth League carries out its program its work will be as distinctive as that of the Sunday school itself. The training in religious expression and devotional leadership must begin with the child, and never cease. The Sunday school can make room for much of this work, but it cannot do it thoroughly without turning from its own chosen field. I hope as pastors we shall still devote our energies to the work of our great young people's organization.

VI. Evangelization, Revivals, Etc.

It has been found to be increasingly difficult for preacher and church to secure the intensity of interest and continuity of effort necessary to produce the community revival. Special meetings with evangelists and under the ordinary leadership of the pastor have been conducted in about

60 per cent of our charges this year. And while these were attended with good results only a comparatively small number of conversions are reported. We rejoice that the scope of the church activities has greatly broadened and yet, somehow, we must regain our ability to so focus our energies upon the masses of worldly and frivolous people about us as to lead them to a full surrender to Christ. In our plans for success next year may we not re-study the methods of evangelization and study our particular parish in the light of these time-honored methods. Anything is better than nothing. To surrender at this point is to acknowledge and suffer defeat. If the old time methods do not lay hold upon you go to the Acts of the Apostles for something new and up-to-date.

VII. Our Institutions.

Our people are exhorted to remember in prayer and contributions all of our hospitals and schools without respect to district or conference lines. But three of our very important institutions lie within the bounds of this district. The oldest of these—the Montana Wesleyan College—located at Helena has had a record-breaking year. In spite of the war excitement and many contagious diseases—made worse by lack of equipment—the enrollment surpassed any preceding year for a decade or so at least. The college department has been started and duly recognized by our board. Through the generosity of Dr. Jacob Mills and a liberal appropriation by the Board of Education, the needed funds for this step seemed to be provided. This, of course, assumed that the conferences would continue their generous contributions, to the sustentation fund, and that the tuition and boarding departments would remain at least normal. For a number of reasons, however, chiefly a lack of facilities to economically care for the boarding students, and the advanced price of all commodities, there is a deficiency. To remedy these conditions, a new dormitory was an apparent necessity. A campaign was, therefore, launched the latter part of June throughout the state to which the pastors of this district gave their loyal support. The results will be reported by President Sweetland, who has striven most heroically with the multiplied duties of his office, and to whom, with his associate, the Reverend George Mecklenburg, is due the credit for this successful campaign.

The Montana Deaconess School for Boys and Girls located at Helena, has completed its ninth year with an enrollment of 77 boys and girls. Miss Beck, with her corps of sacrificing assistants, have been taxed to the utmost to care for this sacred trust. The buildings are not adequate for the rapidly increasing popularity of this institution. The gardening department has so far developed under the fostering care of Mr. Pew that there were sales of the surplus products this year amounting to several hundred dollars. The Reverend John Chirgwin, a member of this Conference, as Field Agent, has been very successful in his appeals for the support of this institution. His collections for the year, in spite of adverse conditions, are over \$9,000. He has also done valuable service in bringing the school before an ever enlarging constituency.

The Butte Deaconess Hospital, the first unit of which was completed and opened formally less than a month ago, is located in the new residence

portion of the city of Butte, on a plot of ground that will afford ample facilities for its future growth. It is one of the most modern buildings for hospital purposes—equipped with the very latest and most improved appliances—in the state. Already all the rooms are taken. Miss Hills, the superintendent, is winning favorable comment on every hand. The charges on this district are planning to remember this institution with the usual requisites of linens, fruits, etc. To the Hamilton church, Reverend Chas. Rhodes, pastor, belongs the honor of the first contribution.

We cannot close our report without saying a few words on the war work, and at least mentioning our contributions from the ranks of two chaplains—Reverends Jesse Lacklen and J. H. Mitchell. Both of these men are from our better charges, and were rendering most valuable service to our church. But we are only too glad to give of our best to the great cause of freedom and justice. We shall have to give more doubtless. We estimate that the congregations from this district alone have sent over 600 men to the front in defense of the principles of truth and democracy. Our pastors have been very faithful and loyal in counselling and comforting the distressed families who have borne these losses. Several of our men have been listed as four minute speakers, giving a good account of themselves.

In a hasty review, I have now covered the more outstanding features of this district. I am aware that this report is quite deficient in details of important pastoral achievement: of debt paying, of improvements, revival campaigns, war activities, to say nothing of the daily grind and sacrifice under a support all too meager at any time and more so by far in these days of high prices. We could add several verses to the eleventh chapter of Hebrews, showing many conquests of an indomitable faith. But these, along with my own trials and travels, I shall leave to the unfolding of that book that has been committed to the hand of the Recording Angel, in which all praise and blame will be set down with the greatest exactitude.

I do wish, as a final word, to thank the ministers and their families for the very many generous courtesies extended to me in the parsonage homes of this district. One learns daily and concretely what the scriptures set forth in precept—of the sacrifice, the gentleness, the forbearance—in short the whole category of Christian virtues—in the more intimate associations of the parsonage homes. We have but one desire for all—the illimitable grace of God in Jesus Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES L. BOVARD.

YELLOWSTONE DISTRICT**EDWARD SMITH, Superintendent.**

Dear Brethren and Co-Laborers:

It is no difficult matter to say things that just fill space and use paper. A real report in this kaleidoscopic age is quite a different affair. Conditions are tense. We know not what a day may bring forth—changes are sure and rapid and we know not which turn may hold serious destiny for us and the world's multitudes, hence the difficulty of a real reflex in attempting a report from our field. Your full desire will not be found in our statistics.

Reports covering Yellowstone District for recent years are on file and accessible to those who wish to consult them. They treat of geographic, economic and religious conditions that need no repetition here. In recent months the whole world has been constantly confronted with disturbing factors creating conditions rather disconcerting to our entire social fabric. Religious, political, industrial and social institutions are reforming. In the eyes of many this process looks like disintegration hence fearfulness in many souls will be calmed only by a steady poise and positive note from the church, which must re-shape with other movements to meet the new order. In this confusing discord one note has even been discernible and is rapidly becoming more emphatic, namely, God is the Father of our groping race. Jesus Christ is the "desire of nations." The church must be done with trifles and go as a giant into the grapple awaiting her. She faces a challenge which she will well meet. To this end we hail the Centenary Movement and we re-emphasize our stewardship. The world is justified in the inquiry, "What will the church do with its great resources in this time of crisis?" The church's answer will be put before the world in the five year program now staged. With plans maturing for giving full intelligence to all our churches concerning this program we will deal no further with it here.

In the report from Yellowstone district one year ago was a paragraph which we wish to repeat at this time—"The world is in grievous turmoil. Nations are in a life and death grapple. As a sovereign people we have passed into the shadows. Lines are sharply drawn on fundamentals of civilization. The church is meeting her severest test. Her opportunities surpass anything in past history. We can not here detail her program. We can trust her patriotism and loyalty absolutely if a complete consecration of 'me and mine' possess every pastor and every Methodist. Bickerings now have tone of treason. Service to the limit of powers is our way out." Since a year ago the war claims have made wide gaps in our ranks. Local churches are depleted in their various departments of activity. Further inroads are sure to be made. Our ministry in common with every other activity will feel the loss in man power by this going to military service. Our district is entitled to service stars for Conference

Evangelist F. O. Kelly who is now in France with a chaplain's commission, and Jno. G. Ross, our pastor at Livingston who went into the "Y" work early in July. The Livingston pulpit has been supplied and services maintained by the help of other pastors and local laymen. Geo. Mecklenburg of Billings left his pulpit for a preaching tour through Camp Lewis and did a wonderful month's service through July, his pulpit being cared for in the same manner as at Livingston. Two other pastors are already in line for military duty and not less than three others, who are eligible, manifest a readiness to do such duty. A solution must be found for this new condition thus created. A decision should be reached here as to what quota of pastors may be released for war work. We may come to the plan for combining adjacent churches, assigning larger work to the men in charge. We can encourage the laity to be content with less frequent services from pastors. In almost every charge we have efficient laymen whom we can encourage to take a hand in supplying service in the absence of pastors. We must not lose sight of the resources from which we can recruit. The Sunday school from the cradle roll up is a recruiting ground being too much overlooked. Let us drop a hint to over-burdened workers that a scheme might come into play by which any person subject to military call might be encouraged to choose out a successor from younger ranks to fill the gap that otherwise would be created by his going. The ranks of the ministry have been and will be depleted equally with every other activity at this time. We should make it possible to so recruit that the church may move onward with the resistlessness of an ocean swell. Almost every church building on the district has up its service flag containing from few to many stars. Golden stars are already appearing. Parsonage boys from the district entitled to service flag honors are Cecil Wise, Oswald W. Ponath, Earnest Fenton, Merrill James and Stephen E. Smith. These were just common home boys of our firesides suddenly burdened with the exactions and stern responsibilities of soldier life which they have met with heroism and surprising ability. We almost catch ourselves wondering if this is all true or is a dream from which we will have an awakening. Would it not be a gracious act by this conference for each of these parsonage boys to be properly remembered, through a suitably chosen committee? A stern call upon the youth of our land may be a fitting symbol of a call upon our ministry for a re-emphasis of service—trench service, hard service, sacrificial service, sweaty service, patriotic service, hailed with joy for a chance to render any service. If it need be more plainly stated the time is upon us for we in the ministry to have a firmer grip upon ourselves. A restlessness here and there is appearing in our ranks. Our pastors, many of them, have taken a sturdy stride in this new day and march in front ranks. Others feel the dragweight of new demands and march with a limp and find the pace hard to keep.

In a treatise on James Denny, the late modern prophet of Glasgow, appears a paragraph that we may well remember. It is "Nothing will do more to hasten the spiritual renaissance for which we are all waiting and watching, and to restore to the church universal her spiritual primacy in humanity, than a whole hearted return on the part of the bishops, clergy, and laity to cross crowned Calvary."

A thing I wish to say in this report is so well said by Bishop McDowell I make free to quote. "This war does not seem to me to be the end of the world, it seems more like the end of an old order that had to pass away, and the beginning of a new order which may go right or go wrong." Our aim (in my own conviction) should be to make this new order go right. The bishop further says "this is no time for a church that hesitates and calculates. This is the day for spiritual adventure for 'following the gleam'." * * * We may go on saying small, outworn, unreal conventional things to a world which will not hear them. The church may busy itself with a thousand minor activities and let a whole world die while neither the prophet of God nor apostle of Jesus Christ says a word of power and life. Its message may be remote and formal with no real touch with this modern world. It may go on insisting on immaterial things. It may not see what it means to preach Christ, the glorious gospel of the blessed God, today to the non-Christian and the nominally Christian world. * * * Withered hands will not accomplish much in the world just now."

I can find many men for Yellowstone charges who will be glad to take a good charge ready made, but not so many who will go and make a place, though this latter class is our sore need. Let us remember the church is not a dispenser of benefits but an agency through which service may be given. Servants of the Master, under our sacred, solemn voluntary vow let us forget honors and preferences and the lesser things and bring every power to bear at any sacrifice demanded upon the supreme task of this destiny laden day.

We must enlarge our vision, intensify our purpose, if Zion is to "arise, shine and put on her strength." We have local churches to maintain and keep efficient. We still have a vast waiting frontier that will call for sacrifice from able men. Fervent evangelism must be our passion. Detailed construction and stronger organization together with a better system of financing must earnestly engage us. We have the challenge of Montana Wesleyan to meet. We have our growing and precious hospital work to carry to greater perfection. Two hospital plants are within the bounds of Yellowstone district. Bozeman Deaconess hospital, embarrassed with success, sees in the splendid new edifice now under construction, a day of larger usefulness. The advance being made at Bozeman became possible through the energetic labors of the pastors from both districts in a campaign last February, managed by our engineer, Geo. Mecklenburg. Billings hospital enterprise is meeting a check by unforeseen war conditions. A choice site has been secured and groundbreaking ceremonies observed. Plans and specifications are in hand for adoption and the enterprise is progressing as rapidly as conditions will allow.

Churches and parsonages are needed from end to end and side to side of Yellowstone district, a territory sufficient for a reasonably sized state of this union and should be sufficient soon for an annual conference organization. The Board of Home Missions and Church Extension has been a large and generous factor in present acquisitions. We often wish, however, that they could see that liberal aid now might come back in the near future increased many times, over first investments.

Sunday schools and Epworth League must be considered in the challenge of the hour. Foreign language and customs are going to the discard. Let Christian terminology and practices as expressed through our Methodism become familiar to our people and their households.

Death has smitten us this year. A shocking tragedy at Edgar November 1 took from us the estimable wife of Rev. W. H. Calfee. In kindling her noon fire, while husband was absent on pastoral duty a disastrous explosion occurred in which the life of their little one was saved by the mother sacrificing her own life. Kindness of the people in this disaster could not possibly be excelled anywhere. The distracted husband thought it best to relinquish the work in March, since which time his father and mother, who came to the rescue in distress, supplied the pulpits, both having had wide experience in pastoral duties.

Death smote our Comanche parsonage March 17. Rev. H. E. Chappell and wife were bereaved in the death of their little six-year-old Edith, a victim of the dread malady, diphtheria. Other members of the family were attacked but made full recovery. Winter time and enforced quarantine created conditions calling for great fortitude on the part of those enduring these trials. To the extent possible under prevailing circumstances friends ministered in great kindness.

Again in March at the Glendive parsonage bereavement came to Rev. J. M. Whiteley and wife. Little Hugh Norman came to their home, tarried only a few days and went from them March 18th. This was a sore disappointment to the parents under unusual circumstances, the mother being in the hospital—every moment with her a critical one. Little Delores, the 12-year-old foster daughter, was confined to her bed in hopeless affliction. This struggle with little Delores ended July 1. Thus gladdened by birth and saddened twice by death this parsonage home shared in an unusual experience. The exceeding kindness of many friends at Glendive and regions beyond was a great comfort to Brother and Sister Whiteley. Our Committee on Memoirs will record proper account of all these cases.

In our remote Birney parsonage occupied by P. B. Fritch and wife occurred the birth of a daughter in December. This sturdy household flourishes in a manner that proves frontier life very tolerable to those who adjust to it.

In March we had two district gatherings both with a view to meeting the demands created by new conditions. Especially with a view to outlining the Centenary Work. The meetings were at Billings and Miles City. Our Resident Bishop R. J. Cook was with us at Billings and helped us exceedingly by his counsel and encouragement.

The Wesleyan Dormitory campaign in the month of June is still fresh in the mind of all the conference. Suffice it to say Yellowstone District proved loyal. The pastors did a faithful part. Material improvements and general repairs have been very substantial in many charges in the face of prevailing war conditions. At Miles City and Glendive a load so long carried has now become much lighter and these two charges are measuring up to the rank of the best. Strong men at Sidney are pledged to substantial advance as soon as war conditions will allow.

We have had but one dedication this year. Several in normal conditions would have been the order. At Edgar an enterprise started some years ago became discouragingly stagnated. It was revived with vigor and a neat little house of worship completed which was dedicated in October, Rev. Geo. Mecklenburg of Billings having charge of the details to the delight of the community. At Alzada, our very remotest field, a little church is about ready for dedication. In the same vicinity is a partially constructed building started by another organization which they offer to turn over to us. I believe it possible to take this enterprise in charge, thus an Alzada Circuit could be created and become a permanent acquisition of new work on Yellowstone District.

Wibaux has a very creditable church under construction. Its location in this county seat center is superb. It should be finished and dedicated this fall or winter. The pastor, A. L. Hurlburt, is a fine leader. His willing followers, the people, are doing the principal part of labor on this building.

The old historic Birney circuit has re-shaped with Ashland as center. Last Conference we asked permission to exchange lots deeded to us, upon which by mistake the school board had erected their school house, for lots offered by the donors in lieu. The new site is satisfactory and a parsonage is now under construction on this ground. The pastor with willing helpers is doing the principal labor for which reason the pastor, P. B. Fritch, may not be at this session of Conference. He is supplying the charge having no Conference membership.

In the northern and eastern portion the district is distressed by very sore drouth. This is the second year of total crop failure in these regions, indeed the third year in some portions. Three years ago a fine prospect for harvest was cut short by black rust. The church must not abandon these people in their distress. To care for them will call for heroic service on the part of some faithful and dutiful pastors and surely will call for liberal help from our home missionary resources. These are not necessarily confined to our Board of Home Missions. Some of our local churches, Billings in particular, through the local auxiliaries of the W. H. M. S., have already rendered most substantial and encouraging aid to some parsonages whose load would have been much heavier but for this help. Floods of the Yellowstone brought great distress and ruin to Forsyth. Temporary help and encouragement is needed for at least this year.

I must attempt a tribute which I wish I were better able to worthily record, of the faithful, loyal, patriotic and constant devotion of our splendid laity in advancing the essential interests for winning the war for righteousness. In the doing of this they have also put forth the interests of the church, for main part, without abated zeal.

I must say of our ministry also that for most part that when the record of this world struggle shall be noted by posterity, here again, as in our great civil strife of the 60's the part played by the humble Methodist preacher will have been no inconsiderate factor in making a safer world for all ages to come.

We have much reason for the confidence that we are led by the un-failing hand of God. The spirit of Jesus Christ, that Great Head of the church, still inspires and quickens us. If true to this lead the glory of

the church shall more and more increase. Salvation's torch will lighten all races. The brotherhood of humanity and the Fatherhood of God will cement us in one glorious redeemed human race.

Recommendations

Let our pastors enthusiastically enlist themselves and their people in the Centenary program.

Let our pastors also encourage efficient laymen to take up such active duties as will relieve pastors for service on wider territory without established services suffering in the centers.

A communication is in the hands of our secretary inviting us to send a fraternal representative to the annual state gathering of the body sending the same. This we should do. Combinations of churches of different denominations under one pastor may come into vogue. Therefore we will do well to order correspondence with those bodies in the Montana Federal Council of Churches with a view of having them send fraternal delegates to meet with us in Annual Conference.

Let this conference through some agency bring about a touch of fellow-feeling with each pastor and each pastor's son in war service.

Let us as a conference come to some basis of understanding in matter of releasing our proper quota of pastors for war work.

EDWARD SMITH.

Reports of Standing Committees and Boards

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

We your Board of Education beg leave to submit the following report:

With all Methodism we rejoice in the victorious conclusion of our great Jubilee Campaign. Dr. Hancher, director general, and his able lieutenants are to be congratulated on a great work—splendidly executed.

The work of the institutions of Christian Education and its promotion through the board is vitally important. Christian Education in providing a trained leadership is to decide whether the world saved for democracy can be made fit for democracy.

In its generous provision for our own school, in its help for the Christian boarding schools in the south and on the frontier, in its organized religious work in our own and the state institutions of learning, and in the management of our Children's Day loan fund, as well as in its leadership in all the educational affairs of our church, the board deserves the hearty support of every Methodist, preacher and layman.

We especially urge that every minister fittingly observe Children's Day and give diligence to the securing of at least his full apportionment for the Children's Day fund.

We heartily congratulate the President and Board of Trustees of our Montana Wesleyan College upon the re-organization and strengthening of the curriculum of the college, and the securing of a very superior faculty, resulting in the accrediting of the school as a standard college by the University Senate of the Methodist Episcopal church which carries with it the acceptance of the work done and the recognition of the degrees conferred by every standard college and university in America. We believe we have a school fully worthy of the most enthusiastic support and patronage of the people of Montana, irrespective of wealth, station, or religious affiliation, and we call upon all our pastors and people to rally as never before to the support of ours, the only standard college under Protestant auspices in Montana.

The enrollment during the past year has increased seventy-five per cent, in spite of war, drought, and an unprecedented scourge of contagious diseases. This certainly indicates that the people of Montana desire the service which only a Christian college can render, and should give us sufficient reason for the most enthusiastic support of the institution.

In these days of war and strain, in no place is the hardship more severely felt than in our educational institutions. Even those schools which have large endowments are obliged to curtail their activities. Our own Montana Wesleyan has been able to keep going because of the eight per cent Sustentation fund from the charges.

We regret to find that only 52 per cent of the 8 per cent has been raised in our Conference and only 45 per cent in the whole state. We would earnestly urge every pastor to regard as a most sacred duty the raising of his part of the Sustentation fund, and we request the District Super-

intendent at the first quarterly meeting of each charge to explain the needs and urgency of this fund and to insist that it be placed on the budget of the charge.

The Montana Wesleyan Dormitory Campaign conducted by Dr. Sweetland and Rev. G. Mecklenburg as campaign leaders, met with strong response and united efforts on the part of ministers and laymen.

It was a clear demonstration that our conference needs no specialists from outside for money raising campaigns. It also demonstrated the loyalty of the church to Christian education. We deeply regret, however, that our Resident Bishop, R. J. Cooke, was absent from our state during the campaign. His generalship was greatly needed during this most important of all movements of our Methodism of the state.

In view of the increasing demands made upon the ministry in these days, we would emphasize the importance of thorough preparation on the part of those who have the ministry in view, and of special theological training as a vital factor in such preparation. To such we commend the theological schools of our church. We are gratified at the good work done at Kimbal School of Theology at Salem, Oregon, which was founded especially to serve this great Northwest and we recommend the continuance of George D. Wolfe and R. J. Cunningham as trustees, and the appointment of Geo. D. Wolfe and Geo. D. King as visitors to this institution, and as trustees of Montana Wesleyan (terms to expire 1922), Charles D. Crouch and W. R. Movius.

Whereas, One of the most notable and successful institutions of Methodism known as the Conference Course of Study has been peculiarly an Episcopal function, our Bishops having directed it for 134 years until it has come to be acknowledged as the most successful school of the prophets the world ever saw. And whereas:

The experiment of taking it out of the hands of our Bishops has resulted in a most inadequate survey of Methodist doctrine and policy, and has given as a confusing medley of German rationalism, ultra criticism and fictitious new theories in no way calculated to make successful Methodist preachers, a course with 60 books and not one history of American Methodism, nor one guide book for the administration of the Methodist Discipline and most, if not all, of our Methodist Classics eliminated. Therefore be it

Resolved, That the Montana Annual Conference respectfully petitions the General Conference to recommit the whole direction of the Course of Study again to our Board of Bishops.

Signed on behalf of committee,

J. A. MEEKE.

HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION

We, your Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension, respectfully submit the following:

Our own state is a most fertile field for Home Mission and Church Extension. The present growth and future promise of our church in Montana

is the result of Home Missions and Church Extension enterprise and support.

Never was the need of Home Mission work greater than now—for the future of Christian civilization in the state we must have increased aid from the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, and continued sacrifice on the part of our ministers and laymen.

In the work of the Italian Mission in Butte, we have the beginning of a great Christian and patriotic movement—in that chief city of our Treasure State may be found representatives from almost every nation under Heaven. Here is one of the danger spots to our American Christian civilization. The hope for the future of our land lies in the reaching of the last man with the glorious Gospel of our Christ.

To us comes very much of the responsibility for the Evangelization of these foreign speaking people in our midst. In our Italian Mission we have a great opportunity and responsibility. An increase in the prayers, sympathy and support of our people is an urgent need of our Italian work in Butte. While the war has depleted the membership of our Italian church, it also brings us great opportunities which if taken advantage of now will establish our work on an enduring basis.

We desire to acknowledge with thanks the donation of two very suitable lots for our Italian church from the Anaconda Copper company on which we hope with the co-operation of the Parent Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, to erect a suitable church in the near future.

We again record our hearty satisfaction at having at the head of the very important Department of Frontier Work of the Home Missions Board our able and beloved Dr. Edward Laird Mills and pray for his continued success in the great work.

The following applications for aid have been endorsed:

Wibaux, for church (donation).....	\$ 350
Alzada, for church (donation).....	250
Oak Street, Helena, for church (donation).....	300
Italian Mission, for church (donation).....	1000
Wilsal, for Parsonage (donation).....	250
Miles City, for church (loan).....	5000

The following amounts have been received and dispersed:

For Home Missions.....	\$8200
For Church Extension.....	500

As follows: Edgar, \$250, and Alzada \$250.

Signed on behalf of the committee.

GEORGE D. WOLFE.

Recommendations for Home Missions and Church Extension.

We, the members of the Montana Conference, with the approval of the Presiding Bishop and District Superintendents, and on condition that the apportionments to this Conference be fully met, recommend for the calendar year 1919 the following appropriation for Home Mission and Church Extension and City Work:

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Home Missions

English speaking work.....	\$6600.00
Italian	900.00
Total	\$7500.00

Church Extension

Donations: Yellowstone Dist.	\$2600.00
Butte Dist.	2300.00
Total.....	\$4900.00
Loans	\$4100.00

Attested by

W. O. SHEPARD, Presiding Bishop,

JNO. M. WHITELEY, Secretary.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF STEWARDS

Distribution to Preachers

	Years Counted	Annuity Claim	Annuity Paid	Special Allowance	Total Allowance	Grand Total
A. P. Morrison.....	43	\$580	\$270	\$ 40	\$300	8 10
John Hosking	24	324	144	106	250	10
Andrew Kershaw	30	405	180	20	200	0
S. E. Snider.....	22	297	132	118	250	0
S. A. Oliver.....	32	432	50	.....	50	0
J. A. Badcon.....	25	337	150	25	175	5
George D. King.....	25	337	.....	.....	.....	.....
Jacob Mills	31	418	.....	.....	.....	.....

Distribution to Widows

	Husband's Years	Widow's Years Allowed	Total Claim	Annuity Paid	Special Allowance	Total Allowance
Cordelia Lowry	14	11	\$148	\$ 52	\$ 73	\$125
Mrs. A. D. Raleigh.....	23	18	243	81	304	385
Mrs. Clara Ware.....	33	25	337	108	92	200
Mrs. Ida Hall.....	9	7	94	27	73	100
Mrs. Allan Rodger.....	11	8	108	40	* 60	100
Mrs. L. H. Mickle.....	16	12	162	50	.....	50
Mrs. C. P. Adams.....	20	15	202	67	71	138
Mrs. Isia B. Miller.....	8	6	81	.....	.....	.....
Mrs. J. W. Tait.....	27	20	270	100	200	300

Distribution to Children

	Years	Total Claim	Annuity Paid	Special Allowance	Total Allowance
Adams, Opal	3	\$40	\$18	\$ 7	\$25
Adams, Morris	3	40	8	7	25
Bennett, Anna	6	81	20	.....	20
Snyder, Willa	3	40	18	57	75
Snyder, Gertrude	3	40	18	57	75
Rodgers, Frank	2	27	10	10	20

RESOLUTION

We, your Board of Conference Stewards, present the following resolution for your consideration and with the hope of your approval:

Resolved, That we, the Montana Conference, take steps toward the creation of an Endowment Fund for our Conference Claimants.

(1) That we set a goal of \$100,000.

(2) That we elect a committee of five, consisting of three preachers and two lay members, representing both districts and that we authorize said committee to solicit legacies and donations toward this endowment.

(3) We recognize, in view of the Centenary Movement and other pending interests, that this is not the time to launch a vigorous campaign, but

we request said committee to seek a date as early as possible when a campaign for the completion of the fund can be fittingly launched.

(4) Therefore we recommend that the superintendent of each district, the treasurer of the Conference Board of Trustees (in order to connect it with the Conference corporation) and a layman from each district to be nominated and elected by the Conference be the said committee.

Signed on behalf of the committee,

CHARLES D. CROUCH.

Treasurer's Report

CONFERENCE OF M. E. CHURCH OF MONTANA IN ACCOUNT WITH JACOB MILLS, TREASURER.

1918—

August 20	Bannack Church Fund, last report.....	\$ 69.67	
	Interest	4.18	
	Total	\$ 73.85	
	Pyretees Church Fund, last report.....	\$ 25.55	
	Interest	1.53	
	Total	\$ 27.08	
	Trout Creek Church, last report.....	\$ 108.43	
	Interest	6.50	
	Total	\$ 114.93	
	Ovando Parsonage Fund, last report.....	\$ 514.93	
	Interest	30.84	
	Total	\$ 545.33	
	Chestnut Church Fund, last report.....	\$ 25.87	
	Interest	1.55	
	Total	\$ 27.42	
			\$ 788.61

Unpaid Notes

	Bozeman Church Mortgage Note (Yellow-		
	stone District Parsonage Fund).....	\$2840.00	
	4 Int. payments received @ \$42.60.....	\$170.40	
	4 Int. payments paid Edward Smith....	170.40	
	Conference Claimants Fund, last report.....	\$2253.54	
Aug. 28/17	Pd. Treasurer of Board of Stewards.....	140.00	
Aug. 1/18	Pd. Renewal of Fidelity Bond.....	5.00	
			\$2108.54
	Interest		127.11
July 12/18	By 6th Div. First Trust Savings Bank.....		44.67
	By 6th Div. First Trust Savings Bank.....		10.21
Aug. 20/18	By Payment of two Notes by L. L. Tower.....		200.00
			\$2490.53
	Due from First Trust & Savings Bank, Balance.....		\$ 154.64

Respectfully submitted,
JACOB MILLS, Treasurer.

REPORT OF DEACONESS BOARD

Transfers

Ida M. Kling received by transfer from Puget Sound Conference.
 J. Leone Rice received by transfer from Puget Sound Conference.
 Blanche L. Baker received by transfer from Rock River Conference.
 Ida Hill received by transfer from North Montana Conference.
 Bertha Zook, received by transfer from North Montana Conference.
 Annie Hellickson received by transfer from North Montana Conference.
 Ruby C. Hulbert received by transfer from Seattle, Wash., Conference.

Licenses Renewed

Roxana Beck
 Helen Piper
 Edith Ackerman
 Mary Janet Burns
 H. Grace Linfield

Alice V. Walter
 Ida Hill
 Bertha Zook
 Annie Hellickson

Honorable Discharge

Beatrice E. Butler - - - - - Bozeman, Montana

Probationers

Bertha Swisher

Mildred Christensen

Irene A. Meador

Ethel Lindgren

Aasella Iverson

RESOLUTIONS

We heartily approve of the appointment of Miss Hill as superintendent of the Butte Hospital, and of the reappointment of Miss Edith Ackerman and Miss Roxana Beck, as superintendent of our Bozeman and Helena work, respectively, and we further recommend to the Bishop and his Cabinet, the reappointment of our highly efficient field secretary, John Chirgwin, to his present position.

The Deaconess work has grown to large proportions in the state of Montana. We point with pride to our Deaconess school at Helena, the only Protestant school for children in our state. The Montana Deaconess Hospital at Great Falls has just completed its new wing, which makes it the second largest hospital in the state. The Deaconess Hospital at Bozeman has raised \$100,000 for a new building. Under the leadership of Miss Ida Hills, the Butte Deaconess Hospital dedicated its new building of

\$6000, and opened its doors to the public August 1. Billings and Havre each have Hospitals under construction. Glasgow Hospital is operated to its full capacity. They have plans for a new building to care for the numerous demands. The property as owned, operated and under construction by the Deaconess organization, represents a money value of nearly \$1,000,000. The efficiency, success and popularity of their work is manifest by the increased demands for their service.

The laymen are ready and anxious to supply the money for this work, but the workers are not to be had. A number of cities are asking for workers to manage hospitals which they are willing to build and dedicate to the Deaconess organization.

Therefore, Be it Resolved:

1. That one day in each conference year be set aside for emphasis of the Deaconess work in our present institutions, and inspire our young women to enter the Deaconess work.
2. That one afternoon during Annual Conference be given to the reports and discussion of the Deaconess work.

Signed on behalf of committee,

R. P. SMITH.

REPORT OF THE TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We rejoice in the growing of the temperance cause, and would express our appreciation of the work of the Anti-Saloon League and W. C. T. U.

As December 31, 1918, is to be the date for the closing of Montana saloons, we urge the importance of strict law enforcement from its very first day. We urge the importance of contending for legislation giving the Attorney General power and funds to enforce this measure. The importance of the fall election cannot be over-estimated.

We would express our appreciation of the splendid work of Dr. Clarence Hue Wilson, General Secretary of our Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals.

Signed on behalf of the committee,

FREDERICK T. SPENCER.

REPORT OF EPWORTH LEAGUE COMMITTEE

Your Committee on Epworth League begs to submit the following

Reports of this conference show but 30 leagues out of 61 charges on the two districts. The Junior Leagues number still less.

We deeply regret such a poor showing, in face of the fact that the league has proved itself a fruitful field for Christian work and of unspeakable good to the church.

We are glad to note that the minutes of our State League convention show our young people to be in touch with our modern movements, and that our young people are ever ready to co-operate with us.

We heartily commend our young people for giving hearty support to the Montana Wesleyan College, and their action in the State Convention regarding the same.

We respectfully urge upon our pastors not to overlook this important field, but rather to give it their best thought and attention.

Signed on behalf of committee.

W. H. PASCOE.

REPORT OF FREEDMEN'S AID SOCIETY

We, your committee, desire to submit the following:

We are glad that the Gospel committed to us is for all regardless of color and all else.

We rejoice to know that the great work accomplished by our church among these people is today bearing splendid fruitage.

The General Conference has ordered and directed that each charge shall observe the Lincoln Day Anniversary in February of each year. (See Dis. of 1916 Par. 445, Page 302.)

We recommend, therefore, that each pastor observe this as important, and that in addition to raising the full apportionment an effort be made to secure subscriptions toward a thank offering of \$100,000, to be used for new buildings and increased equipment so sorely needed by these schools.

Signed on behalf of committee.

F. C. FULFORD.

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE

We, your Auditing Committee, have examined the accounts of the District Superintendents and Conference Stewards and find them correct.

We beg leave to submit the following resolutions:

1. That the Conference elect at this session the treasurer for the next, and that hereafter at each session of the Conference the treasurer be elected for the succeeding session.

2. That within 90 days after the adjournment of this session the treasurer submit to the auditor his report as presented to the Conference together with his receipts from the various benevolent boards for the sums due them severally and a statement of the funds remaining in his hands.

if any. The auditor shall thereupon audit the report and receipts, and if they are found correct he shall deliver the accounts and funds (if any) to the treasurer-elect.

3. That pastors be required to see that their reports for the Conference treasurer be placed in his hands properly made out not later than the first day of the Conference session.

4. That the treasurer give bond as required by the Discipline in the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars.

5. That no causes be reported under the head of Other Collections, except such as have been duly approved by the Annual Conference Commission on Finance.

6. That the reports of pastors as presented to the treasurer shall be correct in the following particulars:

- (a) They shall be presented on time.
- (b) Properly designated, showing in proper places the name of the Conference, the District, the Charge and the Pastor.
- (c) The figures shall be clear and legible.
- (d) They shall be correctly entered. The correct amounts shall be entered in their proper places, and the figures shall be in the proper digit column.
- (e) They shall be in agreement. The amounts as entered in A shall agree with the sum of the cash and the vouchers as entered in B.
- (f) They shall be accompanied by proper vouchers. They must be official vouchers and where they are in duplicate must not be torn apart.
- (g) They must contain no extraneous matter, that is matter which is not properly contained in the treasurer's report.

7. That the Conference elect a Conference Auditor, who shall be authorized to nominate as many assistants as he may require, and that the auditor and his assistants shall be the Auditing Committee required in the Discipline.

8. That the Auditing Committee acting in conjunction with the Conference Treasurer and his assistants audit the Pastors' Reports and report as to correction of the same.

Signed on behalf of the committee,

W. H. CALVERT.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES**Report of Special Committee on Dormitory Campaign**

We, your Special Committee on the Montana Wesleyan Dormitory Campaign, after carefully canvassing the entire field in conference with the pastors of charges on which the campaign has not been completed, beg leave to submit the following recommendations:

First: That the apportionments made by the campaign managers in conjunction with the District Superintendents be made the official action of this Conference, and that they stand as fixed assessments against the various charges until paid.

Second: That the campaign be put on in every charge which has not yet raised its full apportionment, and that the date set for this follow-up campaign be the last half of October or the first half of November, except as local conditions may make other dates preferable.

Third: That the pastors of the Conference be asked to donate at least one full week to the completion of this campaign during the time designated for the canvass.

Fourth: That the completion of this campaign be given precedence over every other cause, local or connectional, on every charge until the full amount apportioned to that charge shall have been raised.

Fifth: That every pastor be required to report at the next session of this Conference, in connection with the passage of his character, the amount apportioned to his charge, the amount raised, and the reason for a deficit, if any exist.

Signed on behalf of the committee,

GEO. MECKLENBURG.

CASE OF G. J. STEPHENS**Findings of Committee**

1. That the specifications 3 and 4 be thrown out, as not being material to the case.

2. That the evidence given before this committee has been sufficient to sustain the charge of conduct unbecoming to a Minister of the Gospel, on specifications 1 and 2.

3. That inasmuch as we have found Brother G. J. Stephens guilty of conduct unbecoming a Minister of the Gospel, we recommend as a sufficient reproof the spreading of these findings upon our Conference Minutes, and a reproof be administered by the Committee on Conference Relations.

CHARLES RHODES, Secretary.

COMMITTEE ON WAR WORK

Resolved, That we, the members of the Montana Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church assembled in session at Dillon, Montana, August 23, do hereby pledge ourselves to aid and support President Wilson in the winning of this great war for righteousness and democracy, and recommend that a message be sent to him to this effect, signed by the Bishop and Secretary.

Appreciating the dearth of volunteer enlistments from our ranks for chaplaincy and Y. M. C. A. work, we, as a Conference, approve and commend the voluntary enlistment of our conference members, J. H. Mitchell, Jesse Lacklin, J. G. Ross and F. O. Kelly, into the chaplaincy and Y. M. C. A. work, and those who in the immediate future may feel constrained to do likewise. And that a copy of this resolution be sent to those who have already gone.

And, that we further express our gratitude to Almighty God for the splendid representation from our parsonage homes in the young men who have answered their country's call. And that a message be sent to them from this Conference signed by our Bishop and Secretary.

2nd. Resolved, That we urgently request the Bishop's Committee on War Work to formulate and have printed a form of release for Conference members to be used in releasing men from their appointment for war work.

3rd. That we agree to co-operate with Dr. Clarence True Wilson in his scheme for keeping a record of the Methodists engaged in war work, in a room set apart in the proposed headquarters for the Methodist Temperance Board at Washington, D. C., and that likewise we keep a record in our Conference Journal.

4th. That a message of sympathy be sent to Rev. and Mrs. Thos. Clarkson on the death of their son who fell in France while serving his country.

5th. That George D. King be appointed to keep in touch with our members and members' sons in war work.

Submitted.

H. G. HUMPHREY, Chairman.

REPORT OF CENTENARY COMMITTEE

We, the members of the Centenary Committee, offer the following resolutions to the Montana Conference, and pray their adoption.

We recommend that the unit system of the division of the Constituency Roll into units of from 20 to 25 persons as a basis be followed out.

We also recommend that the following plan be followed in the Stewardship campaign:

That, first, the Stewardship of intercession be presented and insisted upon by the pastor. Then, the Stewardship of personality in a like manner, and lastly, the Stewardship of possessions.

We further recommend that the general plan of the Board of Sunday Schools for the carrying out of the Centenary program be adopted by every Sunday school within the bounds of the Conference.

We would also recommend in the campaign for tithers that we set the definite goal at 2000 within the bounds of the Conference.

Recognizing the inestimable value of the help which can be obtained from the periodicals published by the church in carrying forward the Centenary campaign, we recommend the active co-operation of all the pastors in the endeavor to put one of our Advocates and World Outlook into every Methodist home in the Conference.

Signed on behalf of the committee.

CHARLES D. CROUCH.

REPORT OF FIELD SECRETARY OF MONTANA DEACONESS SCHOOL

Helena, Mont., August 21, 1918.

Montana Annual Conference:

Dear Bishop and Brethren:

It gives me great joy at this time to read to you my fifth annual report as field secretary of our Montana Deaconess School. This year has been a strenuous one for us all. The president of our institution said to me at the beginning of this year that if the collections from the field were half the amount of last year, there would be much cause for rejoicing.

The motto of our church is "Forward." War or peace, we must advance. Such is the determination of the management of the Deaconess School. During this year, seventy-five towns, besides the large valleys adjacent to these towns, have been solicited for our work. Last year, a sum of \$8,508 was raised on the field, while this year, we have raised \$10,010, making an increase over last year of \$1,502, which is the largest amount received on the field in one year. Our unpaid subscriptions at this time make a total of two thousand dollars; three-quarters of it have been subscribed this year.

Our indebtedness at the bank at this time is \$1,657, all of which will be raised in the very near future. Had it been that we could have purchased our coal and have given a note as usual for our summer repairs, as we have always done, I should have been able to report a clean slate, excepting the purchase price of the property. In the past, I have always been kept busy till Christmas raising funds to meet bills incurred for summer repairs, but at this time, they are paid and we have almost \$400 on hand to apply on

our notes. We feel as an institution very thankful to Almighty God for His many favors to us.

I should like to express my gratitude to all our ministers and laymen who have helped us to bring this institution to the front in the state. As you are well aware, our building is crowded all the time, and forty children were turned away last year.

Some day I hope to see a state campaign put on for ten days and I am sure, you would see the largest response ever made in this state to a Methodist institution.

I was glad to spend two weeks with you in the Wesleyan Campaign. We had victory at every point.

Let us keep working and praying, brethren, until the Master calls us, and we hear from His blessed lips, "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN CHIRGWIN.

Our Honored Dead

Name	Conf.	Died	Place of Burial
1—Bennett, J. W.	1887	1913	Missoula
2—Berk, Alexis	1896	1896	Unknown
3—Canfield, Wm.	1891	1892	Virginia City
4—Clampitt, H. P.	1887	1888	Butte
5—Comfort, George	1887	1908	Lanesboro, Pa.
6—Duncan, Hugh	1887	1887	Sheridan
7—Garvin, Thomas	1893	1901	Loyalton, Cal.
8—Hall, Marion J.	1887	1905	Los Angeles, Cal.
9—Hall, William	1887	1898	Pine Creek
10—Jenkins, G. W.	1888	1901	Philipsburg
11—Lowry, Philip	1888	1896	Anaconda
12—Mickel, L. H.	1892	1910	Bozeman
13—Miller, C. E.	1897	1909	Billings
14—Raleigh, A. D.	1887	1908	Helena
15—Rodger, Allan	1891	1904	Great Falls
16—Taft, H. S.	1889	1899	Columbia Falls
17—Van Scoy, Thomas	1898	1901	Helena
18—Warman, Henry	1892	1903	Glendive
19—Adams, C. P.	1912	1914	Sumatra
20—Ware, I. S.	1904	1915	Bozeman
21—Snyder, Wm. E.	1889	1915	Roseburg, Ore.
22—Tait, J. W.	1889	1918	Anaconda

In case of misinformation, corrections will be welcomed by the Secretary.

Memoirs

REV. JAMES W. TAIT

The Reverend James W. Tait was born in Chatham, New Brunswick, Canada, August 22, 1855. His call to the ministry came at a very early age and he entered the Mt. Alliance University at Sackville, New Brunswick, for his preparatory studies. He was duly received into the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Conference of the Canadian Methodist Church, giving several years of devoted service to the work there before transferring to the Montana Conference.

In the fall of 1888 he came to this Conference, and filled out a pastorate for a brief interim at Billings. While there, brief though his stay was, he built a parsonage and in other ways strengthened our hold upon that new community. His next appointment was Missoula where he remained but one year and was at the next session of Conference appointed to Dillon where he spent five years in one of the happiest of all his pastorates. It was here that he inspired the people to engage in important improvements in the buildings and in many ways strengthened our church. He was here from 1890 to 1896. At the conference in 1896 he was appointed to Bozeman spending three years in that growing city. His next pastorate was at Grace Church, Butte, where he served most acceptably until 1906, when for a second time he became pastor of the Missoula church. Here he had four delightful years. In 1910 he was appointed pastor at Anaconda, remaining four years, when Bishop Luccock appointed him superintendent of the Yellowstone District. Here he gave evidence of a very successful church administrator, but his health failing, he was obliged to retire from the active service, which he did most gracefully and with the touching farewell words which many of us can never forget.

The intervening time until his death, which occurred at his home in Anaconda, in the early morning of August 2, 1918, he gave to efforts to regain his health and such service for the Master as his strength would permit. He preached frequently during the last year of his life and never more acceptably. He loved to visit with his brethren and talk of the things of The Kingdom. His one great hope was to be with us at this conference session, to meet his old friends in this charge where he had served the church in other years. But it was not to be—in the flesh—but we may hope that after all he may be looking upon us, in sympathy and eager expectation for our greatest success.

Brother Tait was a splendid type of man, genial and yet very firm in matters where principle was involved. He stood four square on all matters relating to moral and religious life in the community. He preached a redemptive gospel, realizing in his own experience deeply the things he urged upon others. He had great powers to bind people to himself and

through that friendship to lead these friends to Christ. It was impossible for Brother Tait to fail in human sympathy, and it might be said truly of him: "Nothing human could be foreign to him."

He married Miss Marie Baldwin, a sweetheart of his home town, December 14, 1887, before embarking on his pastoral duties in the United States. Not a pioneer in the strictest sense, he followed closely in the footsteps of the pioneer preachers of the church in the state, and was an important factor in the upbuilding of many charges in the Yellowstone Conference. He was keenly interested in the growth of the Wesleyan College at Helena from its foundation, continuing his interest through life.

He is survived by his wife and two sons, John Baldwin and William; a sister, Mrs. W. H. Frecken, lives in Tampa, Fla.

At the suggestion of Brother King, a lifetime friend, we append these tender words from the Hoosier Poet, as most fitting:

AWAY

I cannot say, and I will not say
That he is dead—he is just away.
With a cheery smile, and a wave of the hand,
He has wandered into an unknown land.
And left us dreaming how very fair
It needs must be, since he lingers there!
And you, O, you who the wildest yearn
For the old-time step and the glad return.
Think of him faring on, as dear
In the love of There as the love of Here.

* * * *

Think of him still as the same I say
He is not dead—he is just away.

MRS. W. H. CALFEE

Among our recorded memoirs this year is one peculiarly sad, the case of Mrs. W. H. Calfee, who died at Edgar, Montana, November 1, 1917. This young wife and mother was unusually fitted for her duties in a parsonage home. A university graduate of missionary spirit, she could be no other than a very strong help-meet for her husband and a general favorite among all the people among whom her lot was cast. Her distressing and untimely taking away was the result of a fire in the parsonage home in which the mother sacrificed her own life in a successful attempt to save her only child, a baby boy. Fuller data of this useful and beautiful life has been sought but is not at hand as we go to press.

Signed on behalf of the committee.

EDWARD SMITH.

DOROTHY HOWSON MILLS

Dorothy Howson Mills, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Edward Laird Mills, was born in Helena, Montana, September 1, 1910, and died in Los Angeles, Cal., February 28, 1918, being about seven and a half years old. Of her

life three and a half years were spent in Helena, two years in Salt Lake City, and one year each in Butte and Long Beach.

The end came suddenly. She attended school on Monday, February 25, was taken to the Los Angeles hospital on Tuesday, operated on for appendicitis Wednesday and passed on to her home in Heaven Thursday afternoon.

Death was due to uraemic poisoning super-induced by the shock of the operation.

For the last two and a half years she had suffered from complications arising out of a severe attack of measles; but by careful attention a brave fight was being made when this operation became necessary. Dorothy was a very thoughtful, conscientious, cheerful girl. She enjoyed her school and Sunday school, participating in the various Christmas and Easter exercises of the church. She was looking forward to her visit here this summer—here in the home of her beloved grandparents, who were much in her thought and conversation.

A brief service was held at Long Beach, March 6, Dr. George D. Wolfe conducting it. Miss Adelia Parchen, visiting in Long Beach, sang to the comfort of all. Quite a number of Montana people were present, greatly lessening the burden of grief by their kindly ministries.

EDITH MERIAL CHAPPELL

Edith Merial, eldest child of Harry E. and Nina C. Chappell, born on their second charge, Napavine, Wash., Puget Sound Conference, November 18, 1910. She was the parsonage joy and the pride of the charge as a babe and welcomed everywhere. She entered school in September, 1916, at Comanche and was very regular as she loved her school.

On January 15, 1917, under an evangelists' message she was brought under conviction and clearly converted, often mentioning the experience and showing the results afterward.

She contracted scarlet fever, taking sick March 5, 1918, and died after twelve days of intense but very patient suffering March 17, 1918.

She had led in the testimony service in the last two services which she attended before her illness. She was buried at Comanche March 18, 1918, aged seven years four months. No service was held.

HUGH NORMAN WHITELEY

The parsonage home at Glendive was gladdened by the advent of a baby boy on March 14, 1918, but Hugh Norman was designed to stay but a brief while here and on March 18 this little earth blossom was gathered to adorn the Master's Kingdom above.

DOLORS PLATZ (WHITELEY)

In the year 1910 Brother and Sister Whiteley took into their kind loving hearts and beautiful Christian home a motherless little girl four years old. No home could have been better suited to the development of a beautiful Christian life, and no woman better fitted to become a mother to this motherless little bairn than Sister Whiteley.

Dolores was converted in December, 1914, and from that time on manifested a beautiful Christian character. Taken ill on December 2, 1917, with inflammatory rheumatism she suffered intensely for over seven months. The end came on July 1, and Dolores after giving a glorious testimony to a saving grace and power to keep, slipped away from the earthland.

Her father, Frank Platz, and a brother and sister are living at Laurel, Montana.

Our deepest sympathy is here expressed for Brother and Sister Whiteley in this double loss that has come to their home. We rejoice in their strong Christian faith that has sustained them in all their trials.

JESSE A. DOUGHTY

Jesse A. Doughty was born in Hartland, Maine, May 21, 1842, and died in Helena, Montana, May 12, 1918. When he was 13 years of age he removed with his parents to northwestern Iowa. Here he remained until 1860. An opportunity presenting itself he joined a freighting team and journeyed to California and remained there for five years.

On his return to Spirit Lake, Iowa, he married and settled down for 19 years on his farm of 120 acres. However, the love of the west had become a part of his nature, and in 1888 he moved with his family to Helena, Montana, where he engaged in mining and mercantile ventures. This city was his home until his death in 1918.

In 1886 Mr. Doughty was converted and joined the Methodist church of the church of his parents. When he came to Helena he presented a letter to St. Pauls church and soon became a member of the Board of Trustees. He remained on this board for the rest of his life, rendering valuable service and council. He was a faithful attendant at church, Sunday school and prayer meeting, seldom missing a service. He loved his church and spent both time and money generously in its service.

He came to Helena at the time of the founding of Wesleyan and took a lively interest in its organization. At his death he was and had been for many years a trustee, treasurer and president of the Executive Committee. During the lean days in the school's history Brother Doughty did much to keep the school open. He took a lively interest in the Montana Deaconess school and from the time of its beginning had served on its Board of Trustees.

Mr. Doughty was of a generous disposition, a warm friend, a loyal layman, a devoted Christian.

PAUL M. ADAMS.

STATISTICAL TABLES, 1918

REPORT OF EPWORTH LEAGUES

BUTTE AND YELLOWSTONE
DISTRICTS

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FINANCIAL REPORT													CHAPT
Central Office Dues.....	State Per Capita Tax.....	Local Church.....	Local Benevolences.....	State Missionary.....	Special Missionary.....	Deaconess School.....	Deaconess Hospitals.....	Other Aid.....	Montana Wesleyan.....	Chapter Expense.....	Other Purposes.....	Total.....	BUTTE DIS
2.00	2.00	50.00		12.00				11.50	10.00	150.00		237.50	Anaconda.....
	6.20			36.00						35.85		78.05	Butte—Grace.....
2.00	4.00	24.00		30.00	15.00	2.25	1.50		1.00	50.00		129.75	Mt. Vie.....
	7.50			20.00				10.50		15.00	1.00	54.00	Trinity.....
	.50			5.00						12.90		18.40	Unity, S.....
2.00	1.60			11.00	1.00				10.00	66.19	4.75	96.54	Dillon.....
5.00	11.80	75.00		100.00	17.50			55.25	10.00	77.15		351.70	Hamilton.....
	2.95			5.00								7.95	Helena—St. Pa.....
													Oak S.....
3.35	6.00	56.00	143.00	72.80	198.80		5.00	40.00	211.50	42.48	286.00	1064.93	Marysville.....
1.00	1.00			4.00								6.00	Missoula.....
1.00	1.00			3.00						3.85	4.00	12.85	Philipsburg.....
	2.20			17.65									Plains.....
												19.85	Sheridan.....
													Stevensville.....
													Thompson Falls.....
	2.20	5.00		9.35	2.10							18.65	Three Forks.....
	4.80			2.00								6.80	Whitehall.....
16.35	53.75	210.00	143.00	327.80	234.40	2.25	6.50	117.25	242.50	453.42	295.75	2102.97	Walkerville.....
													Total.....
													YELLOWSTO
10.00	13.00	68.00		100.00				35.05	20.00	75.00	72.00	393.05	Billings.....
	6.00			58.00	6.00			7.50	10.00	12.25	4.87	104.62	Bozeman.....
													Bridger.....
5.10		28.00	50.00								8.67	91.77	Fairview.....
1.55	3.10	16.90							8.36	20.00		49.91	Forsyth.....
1.75	6.00			37.00	5.00				50.00			99.75	Glendive.....
													Hardin.....
	4.40			28.08	2.00		175.00					209.48	Huntley.....
													Laurel.....
2.50	5.00	5.00	5.00	43.90			5.00					66.40	Livingston.....
	4.80	38.40		46.00	5.00	10.00			10.00	145.70		259.90	Miles City.....
													Park City.....
2.00	2.00	83.65		20.50	20.00			173.00	17.00	3.25		321.50	Pine Creek.....
1.00	3.00			20.00							5.00	29.00	Red Lodge.....
	2.00											2.00	Reed Point.....
1.25	4.00			20.00					4.10	8.25	22.00	59.60	Sidney.....
1.05	2.07		6.50	16.64			5.00			10.90		42.16	Wheatly.....
	2.00											2.00	Wibaux.....
2.00	5.00										17.50	24.50	Wilsall & Clyde.....
.75	1.80			16.00						1.00		19.95	Worden.....
28.95	64.17	239.95	61.50	406.12	38.00	10.00	185.00	215.55	119.46	276.45	130.04	1775.19	Total.....

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE EPWORTH LEAGUE

AS REPORTED TO THE STATE CONVENTION

CITY OR DISTRICT	MEMBERSHIP													
	SENIOR				Total Membership	Gain Per Cent	Loss Per Cent	Convention Delegates	JUNIOR AND INTERMEDIATE		CHURCH			
	Active		Associate						Boys	Girls	Seniors	Juniors	UNITING THIS YEAR	
	Male	Female	Male	Female									Juniors	Seniors
New...	19	21			40		2	3			19			1
y...	28	34			62	33		4			57			11
Silver Bow	14	46			60			5	4	30	32	12	8	2
	5	7	1	12	25	25				70	20	10		
	2	24		12	38	87		7		12	20			7
auls	4	6	5	3	18		40	2	10	9	18	4	2	
St.	53	57	5	2	117			4			71	12		21
	5	12			17			4						
	23	40			63			3	5	12	52	5	3	4
					10									
	5	6	3		14						12			4
lls														
	6	20			26			4						
	11	12	4	2	29			6	40	58	20			
	175	279	18	31	519			42	59	191	321	43	13	50
ONE DIST.														
	26	49	23	2	100	35		8	58	67	100	80	10	30
	32	59			91			4			54			
	9	10	6	5	30						25			5
	5	12	5	18	40			1	15	16	19	6	1	3
	11	9	6	9	35	3		3	15	35	18	3		
	11	13	2	1	27			1						
	10	33			43			4		42				
	13	28			41						24			
								2						
	7	16			23		8	1	2	9	16	1		
	6	9		5	20	10		5	6	53	17	6	5	3
	4	7	3	6	20						14			8
	6	17	2		25			1	15	15	17	11	11	3
	3	13	3	1	20	10		2						
de Park					40			5						
	4	11			15			4	10	12	12			1
	147	276	50	47	570	58	8	41	121	249	316	107	27	53

RTH LEAGUES OF BUTTE AND YELLOWSTONE DISTRICTS
 THE STATE SECRETARY ON JUNE 1, 1918

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STATISTICIAN'S REPORT
BUTTE DISTRICT

STATISTICAN'S REPORT---BUTTE DISTRICT

List No.	NAME OF CHARGE	NAME OF PASTOR	Ministerial Support											Local Preachers No. on Charge	Adults Baptized
			Support of Pastor			Support of Dist. Supt.		Support of Bishops		Support of Conf. Cl'm'nts		Total Paid for Ministerial Support	Total Deficiency		
			Total Cl'm, Inc. House Rent	Total Paid, Inc. House Rent	Rental Value of Parsonage	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid				
1	Anaconda	Jesse Lacklen	2300	2300	500	180	180	35	35	85	85	3100		1	
2	Avon and Marysville	C. G. Hannan													
3	Grace	J. H. Mitchell	2040	2040	540	150	150	28	28	70	70	2288			
4	Italian Mission	A. Trappolini													
5	Mount Bethel and Wesley	T. H. Clarkson	1300	1300	300	100	100	20	20	50	50	1470		5	
6	Mountain View	George D. Wolfe	3100	3100	600	250	250	50	50	125	125	3525		3	
7	Silver Bow	J. B. Penhall		185			24			7		216			
8	Trinity	H. A. James	1500	1500	300	120	120	24	24	60	60	1704		3	
9	Unity	F. C. Fulford	1300	1300	200	110	110	22	22	55	55	1487		1	
10	Big Blackfoot														
11	Clancy	Walter C. Wampler	400	400		30	30	9	9	15	15	454			
12	Dillon	H. G. Humphry	2180	2180	480	170	170	30	30	85	85	2465			
13	Dillon Circuit	Ira F. Rankin	700	700	180	10	10	12	9	26	11	730	28		
14	Drummond and Hall	W. C. Smith	1120	1120	240	80	80	15	10	45	45	1255	5		
15	Hamilton and Sula	Charles Rhodes	1040	1040	240	80	85	16	18	40	40	1183			
16	Oakes Street	A. E. Plummer	720	720	120	60	60	12	8	30	20	808	14		
17	St. Paul's	R. C. Edgington	2300	2300	500	180	180	36	36	90	90	2006		3	2
18	Meadow Creek	Louis Ortmyer	1040	432	240	80	15	16	10	25	25	482		1	
19	Missoula	Charles D. Crouch	2160	2160	160	200	200	42	42	100	100	2502			
20	Philipsburg	W. H. Calvert	600	605	120	48	48	10	10	24	24	685			
21	Ronan	E. D. Swisher	950	950	100	85	85	15	15	42	42	1092			
22	St. Ignatius	W. S. Tester	700	620		40	40	6	6	15	15	681	82		
23	Sheridan	Fred Austice	950	950	150	80	96	16	16	40	40	1102			2
24	Superior, Alberton and Plains	G. J. Stephens	975	975	175	60	64	12	8	30	15	1062	15		
25	Stevensville and Circuit	H. L. Blair	1520	1520	240	100	100	18		45		1620	63	1	
26	Thompson Falls	F. E. Dodds	850	850	250	30	30	10	5	28	10	895	23		
27	Three Forks	Wilder Nutting	720	720	120	30	30	10	10	30	30	790			
28	Townsend	C. E. Cunningham	1100	1100	200	85	85	16	16	45	45	1246		1	
29	Twin Bridges	G. Kopriva	1000	1000	150	85	95	16	16	30	30	1141			
30	Winston	F. M. Cass, Jr.	125	125		15	15	2	2		6	148			
31	Whitehall	F. T. Spencer	900	900	200	70	70	10	10	20	20	1000			
	Totals		32590	33092	6305	2528	2522	508	465	1250	1160	37137	230	19	9
	Increase		1462	1348			82	10	17		119	1464		1	2
	Decrease				92	27						916			

ICT---MONTANA CONFERENCE FOR 1918

Baptisms			Church Membership					Sunday Schools			Epworth League		Church Property										Gen. Conf. Expenses			List No.
Adults	Children Baptized	Baptized Children under Instruction	Pre-paratory	Full Members			Deaths during Year	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Total Enrollment in all Departments	Senior Members	Junior Members	Church Buildings	Estimated Value of Land & Bldgs.	Parsonages	Estimated Value of Land & Bldgs.	Pd. for Bldgs. & Imp's Ch'ches & P's'nages	Present Indebtedness Ch'ches & P's'nages	Pd. on Old Indebtedness and Churches and Parsonages	Current Expenses	Apportioned for the Quadrennium	Paid this Year	Balance Due for the Quadrennium			
3	14		58		358		4	1	30	320	33		1	25000	1	6500		700		3450				1		
								2	4	34			2		1									2		
5	15	6	10	4	136	24	2	1	19	230	40		1	9000	2	6000	92	500		3027	20		10	3		
										76														4		
	27	6	1	1	71	10	4	2	29	309	25	135	2	3500	1		830			2400		3		5		
3	29	22	48	22	599	7	4	1	37	718	62		1	30000	1	5000	520			4195	48	12	12	6		
	5				7		4	1	6		20		1	1500		1500				216				7		
1	14		14	4	123		4	1	22	332	60	35	1	10000	1	2500	200			2274	20	5		8		
4	32		8	8	100	6		1	12	192	30	75	1	15000			312			2199		1		9		
																								10		
	2				35			1	8	45			2	2500	1	1000	140			599				11		
2	12	10	2	2	190	4	1	1	18	170	18	12	1	10000	2	10000	100	200		3565				12		
	6				6	4		6	18	120			2	3000	1	1000				730				13		
					60	10		2	16	154			3	5000	1	1800	300			1655		6		14		
1	7	8	3	5	115	30		1	14	104	18	19	1	3000	1	2500	475			1971		5		15		
	6		5	4	58			1	10	105	17	25	1	2500	1	2000		50	50	858				16		
22	14	13	42	12	361	64	3	1	36	376	112		1	40000	1	4000	830			3736		4		17		
					31	1	1	2	13	137			3	3500	1	1500				517		3		18		
8	15	10	15	6	412	20		2	40	600	60	12	2	52000	1	3000				4102	36	12	12	19		
3	3		9	46	45	16		1	12	128	10		1	3000	1	500	60			800				20		
3	12		4		58			2	16	170			2	4000	1	300	400			1617				21		
	14				21			3	22	136			1	2250				50	150	911				22		
28	12	4	8	12	50	2	1	2	20	150			3	5450	2	2000	200			1419				23		
	10				33	9	1	2	21	145			2	4500	1	1100	87	250	100	1526				24		
	2		2		112	10	4	1	12	132	22		1	3500	1	2500				1730				25		
1	3	5	4	6	30	2		3	25	145			3	5500	2	2500	200	100	400	1355		1		26		
	1		4	3	49	19		1	11	92	18		1	13000	1	400	100	275	3780	1485				27		
1	12	8	30	10	102	7		2	20	220			2	4000	1	2000	125	225		1848				28		
	4	4	25	48	43	5		3	19	171			1	2000	1	1000	148	36		1520				29		
					24	2		2	6	30			1	1000						148				30		
6	20	11	20	16	51	8	1	3	22	152	22		2	6000	1	2000	150			1209				31		
91	291	107	312	209	3380	258	34	52	538	5693	567	313	46	269700	29	62600	5269	1186	5700	51062	124	52	34	1		
26	38		107		44									2050						38305				2		
		33		88		64	24	7	16	297	95	12				1650	1081	1797	286		8	15	42	3		

STATISTICIAN'S REPORT---YELLOWSTONE DIST

List No.	NAME OF CHARGE	NAME OF PASTOR	Ministerial Support										Local Preachers No. on Charge	Baptism		
			Support of Pastor			Support of Dist. Supt.		Support of Bishops		Support of Conf. Cl'm'nts		Total Paid for Ministerial Support		Total Deficiency	Adults Baptized	Children Baptized
			Total Cl'm, Inc. House Rent	Total Paid, Inc. House Rent	Rental Value of Parsonage	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid					
1	Alzada	F. M. Cass														
2	Angela and Hill Crest	O. G. Ponath	1260	716	300	96	40	20	6	48	12	474	650			
3	Baker	Otho Wise	600	600	240	36	36	9	6	18	9	651	12		5	9
4	Big Timber Circuit	George Mecklenburg	2900	2900	500	240	240	60	60	120	120	3320		2	30	43
5	Billings	P. B. Fritch	450	235	60	45	30	22				265	252			9
6	Birney Circuit	W. A. Parkinson	400	400	50	35	35	8	8	17	17	460				5
7	Bloomfield	R. P. Smith	2200	2200	400	180	180	39	39	90	90	2509			1	10
8	Bozeman	G. M. Carter	1920	1920	420	150	150	45	45	75	75	2190		1		3
9	Bridger and Fromberg	H. E. Chappell	980	980	180	80	80	16	16	40	40	1116			1	3
10	Comanche Circuit	C. E. Fenton	780	780	180	60	60	15	15	30	30	885				3
11	Clyde Park	H. M. Cooper	1300	1300	200	110	100	27		55	10	1410	82	2	5	3
12	Fairview	W. G. R. Dann	1500	1500	300	120	120	24		60		1620	84			
13	Forsyth	J. M. Whiteley	1700	1800	500	120	120	30	30	60	60	2010			15	21
14	Glendive	Thomas Hardie	1228	1228	228	100	50	20	2	50	7	1287	111			
15	Hardin	Fred Whitford	1500	1500	300	120	120	28	28	60	60	1708				1
16	Huntley Circuit	B. F. Horton	492	492	90	40		10		20		492	70	1		4
17	Ingomar Circuit	W. H. Calfee														
18	Joliet Circuit	F. M. Latham	1200	976	400	80	57	14	10	40	28	1071	263			
19	Laurel	F. O. Linger														
20	Lake Basin	J. G. Ross	1540	1540	240	130	130	26	26	65	65	1761		1	1	9
21	Livingston	T. H. Martin	1830	1830	480	135	135	33	33	67	67	2065			3	14
22	Miles City	A. T. Peck	620	620	120	50	40	12	8	25	20	688	19		1	2
23	Park City	Thomas Barker	1100	1100	200	90	90	20	23	45	45	1258		1		1
24	Pine Creek	E. C. Bartlett	1300	1300	300	100	100	25	25	50	50	1475			4	12
25	Red Lodge	T. L. McCutcheon	450	238		45	13	7	2	22	5	258	266	2		3
26	Red Water Circuit	C. P. Weeks	700	470	60	41	15	8	2	20	3	490	279			1
27	Richey	W. H. Pascoe	1500	1500	300	120	120	26	26	60	60	1706		2	5	5
28	Sidney	A. L. Hurlbut	450	350	150							200				
29	Wibaux	Thomas Miller	1380	1380	180	120	120	30	30	60	60	1590				21
30	Wilsall															
	Totals		31380	29855	6378	2443	2181	574	440	1197	933	32959	2088	12	71	182
	Increase		4650	3064	213	429	222	164	65	197	133	2854	1355			
	Decrease													4	13	41

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List No.	Gen. Conf. Expenses			Church Property										Epworth League	Sunday Schools			Church Membership			Baptized Children under Instruction.
	Balance Due for the Quadrennium	Paid this Year	Apportioned for the Quadrennium	Current Expenses	Present Indebtedness Ch'ches & P's'nages	Pd. on Old Indebtedness and Churches and Parsonages	Pd. for Bldgs. & Imp's Ch'ches & P's'nages	Estimated Value of Land & Bldgs.	Parsonages	Estimated Value of Land & Bldgs.	Church Buildings	Junior Members	Senior Members	Total Enrollment in all Departments	Officers and Teachers	Sunday Schools	Full Members		Pre-paratory		
																	Deaths during Year	Non-Resident Members	Full Members on Roll	Now on Roll		Received During Year
1																					
2				654	200			2500						102	15	3	30	2	2		
3				705			50							80	8	1	92	25	3		
4														78	8	1	32	60			
5		10		6068	8600	2200	825	5000	1	80000	1	120	100	1543	65	4	127	75	111	305	
6				265				1000	1	1800	1			31	10	2	25	10			
7		1		462		30	25	950	1		1			34	8	1	51	1	10		
8		9		3599				1500	1	12500	1	40	80	315	20	1	278	26	9		
9				2479	121	100	327	2500	1	10000	2			202	30	2	101	30			
10		5		1271	12	65	46	1200	1	1800	1			106	16	3	56	17	1		
11				1011				1500	1	1500	1	8		65	8	1	39	2			
12				1510	147	110	325	1200	1	2500	2	14		109	19	2	112				
13				1820				7000	1		2	30		150	15	1	167	1			
14		10		2415	3740	2450	375	4000	1	25000	1	50		376	28	1	73	22			
15				2500	2000	250	225	6500	1		1			165	11	2	151	9			
16		12	11	2138	550	35	257	10700	1	2500	3	22	58	300	47	3	150	2			
17				542	75			3000			2			82	18	3	22	2	4		
18											3			99	15	3					
19		3	21	1171	700		584	6000	1	1500	1	30		55	11	1	52				
20																					
21		6	6	2281	650	500	200	9500	1	1500	1	25	45	315	22	1	279	7	9		
22		5	10	2524	5000	703	1562	40000	1	5000	1	21	42	241	18	2	295	15	4		
23				740				3000	1		2			95	8	1	38	1			
24		5	5	1623				3500	1		1	12		134	16	1	88		11		
25				1698	130	340	211	4000	1		1	25		125	14	1	89	2			
26				278				1000			1			101	11	2	56	56			
27				1200	350		50	968			1			55	6	1	16	16			
28				1896	132		574	4000	1	2000	1	30	25	118	13	1	101	14			
29				200	40	40		1800	2					90	10	3	40				
30		2		1688				1200			1			200	20	3	77				
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32	382	233	221	3590	435																
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1	107	312	209	3280	258	34	52	538	5693	567	313	46	269700	29	62600	5269	1186	5700	51062	124	52	34	1
2	382	233	221	3590	435	17	51	490	5374	572	383	34	239268	21	47250	6346	7375	23725	42738	158	68	62	2
3	489	545	430	6870	693	51	103	1028	11067	1139	696	80	508968	50	109850	11615	8561	29425	93800	282	120	96	3
6	442	507	691	6804	660	82	120	1079	11916	1409	703	85	509600	46	110950	22125	7448	31489	24748	247	135	127	4
	47	38		66	33												1113		69052	35			5
3			261			31	17	51	849	270	7		632		1100	10510		2064			15	31	6

TREASURER'S REPORT---BUTTE DISTRICT---

List No.	NAMES OF CHARGES	Disciplinary Benevolences															
		Missions						Freedmen's Aid Society.....	Board of Sunday Schools		Board of Education		American Bible Society.....	Bd. of Temperance, Prohibition, and Public Morals.....	General Deaconess Board.....	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society..	Mis. Soc.—Cash.....
		Board of For- eign Missions			Bd. Home Mis. & Church Ex.				Church.....	Sunday Schools.....	Public Ed. Collection.....	Children's Day Fund.....					
		Church.....	Sunday Schools.....	Special Gifts.....	Church.....	Sunday Schools.....	Special Gifts.....										
1	Anaconda.....	153	60	161	138	60	28	34	8	18	144	11	12	12	4		
2	Avon and Marysville.....	4			3			1	1		3						
3	Grace.....	20	57		17	53		5		5	112	7	2	2	2		
4	Italian Mission.....																
5	Mount Bethel and Wesley.....	46		10	42			7		5	80	2	2	2	1		
6	Mountain View.....	287	128	91	253	128		62	19	29	190	25	23	23	7	418	2
7	Silver Bow.....	10			9			1	1								
8	Trinity.....	30	34	15	30	34	13			12	96	5					
9	Unity.....	20	15		20	15		11	9		35		4	4	1		
10	Big Blackfoot.....																
11	Clancy.....	26			24			4		3	10		1	1			
12	Dillon.....	64	50		100			22		17	75	10	5	8	5	190	
13	Dillon Circuit.....							1									
14	Drummond and Hall.....	25	10		25	10		10	5	5	50	5	1	5	2	1	
15	Hamilton and Sula.....	55	18	54	49	18	54	11	5	4	65	5	4	4	1	28	
16	Oakes Street.....	50			48		30	6	4		48		25	2			
17	St. Paul's.....	110	50	107	100	45	95	30		10	150	11	25	12	5	177	1
18	Meadow Creek.....	22			22		5	5	5	1	30	7	2	2			
19	Missoula.....	230	126	370	227	100	225	53	30	12	160	20	47	20	6	126	1
20	Philipsburg.....	12	20		10	20		5		4	38	3	2	2			
21	Ronan.....	10	4		6	8		1		2	45	2	1	1			
22	St. Ignatius.....	16		60	15		35	1		1		3	1	1			
23	Sheridan.....	12	10		15	10		3	10	5	50		2	3			
24	Superior, Alberton and Plains.....	9			8						10						
25	Stevensville and Circuit.....	5	5	25	5	5	25	5	5	2		5	2	3			
26	Thompson Falls.....	15			15			2		3	7	2	1			56	
27	Three Forks.....	20	26		42			7		5			2	2	1		
28	Townsend.....	27	20		23	20		7		5	72	5	1	2	1	5	
29	Twin Bridges.....	20	27		23	20		7	5		11	2	2	2	1	1	
30	Winston.....	13			12			2	1		16		1	1			
31	Whitehall.....		10			10		1		6	40	15	1				
Totals.....		1311	670	893	1281	556	510	304	108	154	1537	145	169	114	37	1002	4
Increase.....		164	66		228	34	495	21	9		171			19	13	133	1
Decrease.....				144						73		3	15				

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List No.	GRAND TOTAL	Other Cash Items															Other Benevolences						
		General Conference Expenses	Support of Conference Claimants	Support of Bishops	Support of District Superintendent	Central Office Expenses of Epworth League	Conference Claimants	Total	Benevolences	Montana Children's Home	Anti-Saloon League & W. C. T. U	Missionary Policy of Epworth League	Montana Deaconess School	Hospital	Educational Endowments	Total Disciplinary Benevolence	City Missionary or Church Extension Society	Woman's Home Mis. Soc.—Supplies	Woman's Home Mis. Soc. Cash				
1	1714		85	35	180			571	244	1	7			169	150	843							
2	12															12							
3	772		70	28	150			242	57					35	150	282							
4																							
5	370	3	50	20	100											197							
6	12212	12	125	50	250	3		9779	144	36	4931	100		4067	441	1993		100	210				
7	67		7		24			15								21							
8	665	5	60	24	120	2		185	55						100	269							
9	379	1	55	22	110			57	22						15	134							
10																							
11	123		15	9	30											69							
12	3742		85	30	170	5		2906	5						2051	546							
13	1136		11	9	10			1105							215	1							
14	557	6	45	15	80			257							257	154							
15	1668	5	40	18	85	4		1141	119	33	12			86	178	375							
16	301		20	8	60											213							
17	3482	4	90	36	180			2085		80					1025	1087		40	120				
18	374		25	10	54			169							164	116		15					
19	4203	12	100	42	200			1866	640	24					1124	1983		95	136				
20	331		24	10	48	2		131	12	8				20	91	116							
21	297		42	15	85			75							75	80							
22	294		15	6	40			100							100	133							
23	372		40	16	96			100							100	120							
24	213				64			112								17							
25	938				100			746	62	114					210	92							
26	319	1	10	5	30			172	5						12	101							
27	218		30	10	30			43	19	24						105							
28	670		45	16	85			236	130						106	188							
29	280		30	16	95			17		16					1	122			1				
30	320		6	2	15			251							251	46							
31	331		30	10	70	2		136	2						125	83							
	36350	49	1155	462	2561	18		22497	1511	158	513			4377	6768	9528	250		467				
	13518		114	27	119			11873	184	142	4309			3388	4651	1297			192				
		21				11									700		37						

TREASURER'S REPORT---YELLOWSTONE DIST

List No.	NAMES OF CHARGES	Disciplinary Benevolences														
		Missions					Freedmen's Aid Society	Board of Sunday Schools		Board of Education		American Bible Society	Bd. of Temperance, Prohibition, and Public Morals	General Deaconess Board	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	
		Board of For- eign Missions			Bd. Home Mis. & Church Ex.			Church	Sunday Schools	Public Ed. Collection	Children's Day Fund					
		Church	Sunday Schools	Special Gifts	Church	Sunday Schools										Special Gifts
1	Alzada															
2	Angela and Hill Crest															
3	Baker	5					2			4		1		2		
4	Big Timber Circuit	3	11	5	6	11	2		2	28		1		1		
5	Billings	532	160		496		62		68	192	25	23		23		4
6	Birney Circuit			15	10											
7	Bloomfield	15		26	14		4	3		28	1	1		1		
8	Bozeman	150	82	60	132	75	34	12	14	143	10	12		12	4	2
9	Bridger and Fronberg	10	17		10	15	4		3	63		2		2		
10	Comanche Circuit	20	12	10	20	10	5	2	2	64		2		2	1	
11	Clyde Park	23		21	21		4		3	48	3			1	1	
12	Fairview	6		28	6				5	10						
13	Forsyth	48	28	180	48	28	3						2	2	2	
14	Glendive	80	30	211	71	30	17	4	9	96	10	6		6	2	
15	Hardin			167	34		2	2		8	1	1		1	1	
16	Huntley Circuit	75	40		75	28	17		13	96		6		6	2	
17	Ingomar Circuit	5			5		1	1		5		1		1	1	
18	Joliet Circuit															
19	Laurel	8	7		8	7	5		2	3	3	1				
20	Lake Basin															
21	Livingston	77	30		65		24		19	104		9		9	3	
22	Miles City	20	100		100		20	5	10	106		5		6	2	
23	Park City	34			15	16	5	4		40		2		2		
24	Pine Creek	82	9	50	75	9	12	10	2	80	5	4		4	3	
25	Red Lodge	66		55	66		5		10	80	4	5		10	5	
26	Red Water Circuit	5		8	4		1	1	1		3					
27	Richey	5	2		5	3										
28	Sidney	35	27	76	35	14			3	15	3	1		1	1	
29	Wibaux			176	37											
30	Wilsall	18	5	7	16	5	4	2	1	36	4	1		1	1	
Totals		1322	560	1095	1337	251	713	214	46	167	1249	72	84	93	38	
Increase		222		420	246		713			18	158	23	5	5		
Decrease			13			43		19	25						6	

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1	Butte	1322	560	1095	1337	251	713	209	46	167	1249	72	84	93	38
2	Yellowstone	1311	670	893	1281	556	510	304	108	154	1537	145	169	114	37
Total		2633	1230	1988	2618	807	1223	518	154	321	2786	217	253	207	75
Increase		381	53	276	474		1208	2			283	20		24	7
Decrease						9			12	51			10		

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		General Conference Expenses	Support of Conference Claimants	Support of Bishops	Support of District Superintendent	Central Office Expenses of Epworth League	Conference Claimants	Total	Benevolences	Montana Children's Home	Anti-Saloon League & W. C. T. U	Missionary Policy of Epworth League	Montana Deaconess School	Hospital	Educational Endowments	Total Disciplinary Benevolence	City Missionary or Church Extension Society	Woman's Home Mis. Soc.—Supplies	Woman's Home Mis. Soc.—Cash	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	
1																					
2	72		12	6	40										14						
3	323		9	6	36										72						
4	25236	10	120	60	240	26									2259		108	69	494		
5	55				30										25						
6	250	1	17	8	35	1									125			1			
7	28643	9	90	39	180	4				5					951					211	
8	2712		75	45	150										126						
9	342	5	40	16	80										150						
10	462		30	15	60										139						
11	212		10		100										83						
12	501				120	2									339						
13	1957	10	60	30	120	3			283						816		58				
14	534	7		2	50										384						
15	862	12	60	28	120	2									358						
16	35														20						
17	16				16																
18	375	3	28	10	57				1						44						
19	10				10																
20	668	6	65	26	121	3									390		15				
21	762	5	67	33	135										421		4				
22	1283		25	12	50				2						118						
23	1953	5	50	23	90	2									411		3		23		
24	1173		50	25	100	1									376		10		5		
25	50		5	2	13										30						
26	45		3	2	15										15						
27	702		60	26	120	2									287						
28	276		18	3	21										213						
29	468	2	60	30	120	2									101						
30	68975	68	961	445	2229	48									8217		108	203	734		
	53889	3	162	78	325	20									2185		100	170	186		

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734	203	108	-----	8284	3073	43620	1099	403	308	1867	6570	56940	-----	48	2229	445	961	68	69975	1
1002	467	250	-----	9528	6768	4377	4177	373	5133	158	1511	22497	-----	18	2561	462	1155	49	36350	2
1736	670	358	-----	17812	9841	47997	5276	776	5441	2025	8081	79437	-----	66	4790	907	2116	117	105325	3
319	362	63	-----	3449	7119	44879	255	22	4350	2826	4716	63167	-----	9	484	103	276	24	67544	4
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SUNDAY SCHOOLS

NAME OF CHARGE	List No.	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars, not including Home Depart. and Cradle Roll	Members in Home Department	Children on the Cradle Roll	Total all Depts. Inc. Cradle Roll & Home Dept. Officers & T'chrs.	Average Attendance of all Grades	Off'rs & T'chrs, Mem- bers or Probationers	Scholars, Members or Probationers	Members of School Converted	Accessions from Sunday School	Collections Church	Collections Sunday School	Collections Missionary Offering	S. S. Exp.: Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.	List No.
		1	30	250	40	26	320	130	30		31	31			8	26	150
1 Anaconda	2	4	200		30	34	117	19		4	4			5		220	2
2 Avon and Marysville	1	19				230											3
3 Grace	2	29	244	55	10	76	149	29	15	2	2	2		5	2	80	4
4 Italian Mission	5	37	490	110	108	309	260	37	200	48	26	26	19	29		429	5
5 Mount Bethel and Wesley	6	6				718	60	80		2						12	6
6 Mountain View	1	22	250		60		160	18	50	14	10	10		12		143	7
7 Silver Bow	1	12	177		15		120	12	39				9			137	8
8 Trinity	1					332											9
9 Unity	1					192											10
10 Big Blackfoot	1	8	45		20	45	35	7	10						3	45	11
11 Clancy	1	18	150			170	130	9	25	1	2			17		202	12
12 Dillon	6	18	120			120											13
13 Dillon Circuit	2	16	154		15	154	70	13					8		2	60	14
14 Drummond and Hall	1	14	104			104											15
15 Hamilton and Sula	1	10	83		12	105	63	10	45	8	8				10	60	16
16 Oakes Street	1	36	258	60	22	376	196	35	209	24	27				1	244	17
17 St. Paul's	1	13	98	20	6	137	40	8	15				5			54	18
18 Meadow Creek	2	40	500	55	45	600	360	40	200	15	10	10	30	12	4	300	19
19 Missoula	2	12	80	6	30	128	50	12	15	3	3	3		4		44	20
20 Phillipsburg	1	16	140	10	20	170	95	8	20	3	3			2		90	21
21 Ronan	2	22	120		16	136	85	5	5	2	2					80	22
22 St. Ignatius	3	20	150	20		150	78	8	2	4	3						23
23 Sheridan	2	21	145		18	145	95	6	9							72	24
24 Superior, Alberton and Plains	2	12	90			132	60	10	30							90	25
25 Stevensville and Circuit	1	25	117		3	145	105	17	30	2	3				3	60	26
26 Thompson Falls	3	11	81			92	54	10	11							45	27
27 Three Forks	1	20	200		20	220	150	19	10	10	10	10		5		125	28
28 Townsend	2	19	138		14	171	108	15	15	6	6	6		5		138	29
29 Twin Bridges	3	6				30				8	8			3			30
30 Winston	2	22	140		12	152	98	20	43							35	31
31 Whitehall	3																
Totals	52	538	4524	376	502	5693	2865	477	1038	185	158	158	71	107	54	2915	
Increase				84						38	70	70	4	13		154	
Decrease	7	16	231		48	297	400	65	188						40		

Plan of Conference Examination

BOARD OF EXAMINERS

Two examiners for each year's study. These two examiners to divide studies as agreeable to themselves. Examiners to continue in same year until changed by Conference.

John A. Meeke, Chairman, Anaconda.

Thomas Hardie, Registrar, Miles City.

For Admission on Trial—

Examiners, George Mecklenburg, Fred Whitford.

The English Language.

(a) The art of Writing English, Brown and Barnes.

(b)

American History, James and Sanford.

Doctrines and Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Life of John Wesley, Winchester.

Written Paper.

Written Sermon.

First Year—

Examiner, H. G. Humphrey.

New Testament History—Rall.

Human Behavior—Calvin and Bagley.

The Making of a Sermon—Pattison.

How to Study and Teaching How to Study—McMurray.

Second Year—

Examiner, Geo. D. Wolfe.

Dictionary of the Bible—Hastings.

The Bible in the Making—Smyth.

How We Got Our Bible—Smyth.

Short History of the Christian Church—Moncrief.

The Pupil and the Teacher—Weigle.

The Graded Sunday School in Principle and Practice—Meyer.

The Way to Win—Fisher.

Third Year—

Examiner, R. P. Smith.

Beacon Lights of Prophecy—Knudsen.

Foundations of Christian Belief—Strickland.

Socialism and Modern Social Problems—Ellwood.

Social Institutions and Ideals of the Bible.

Introduction to the Study of Modern Comparative Religion—Jevons.

Fourth Year—

Examiners, Paul M. Adams, John M. Whiteley.

Paul and His Epistles—Hayes.

System of Christian Doctrine—Sheldon.

Everyday Ethics—Cabot.

The New Home Missions—Douglas.

Social Aspects of Foreign Missions—France.

Local Preacher's Course—

John A. Meeke, T. H. Martin.

Local Deacon's Orders—

E. C. Bartlett, Thomas Hardie.

Local Elder's Orders—

J. A. Meeke.

NOTES FOR EXAMINERS AND APPLICANTS

1. Each examiner is required to send to the Chairman a list of questions not later than October 1, 1916.

2. Each candidate will notify the Chairman when ready to pass on any book.

3. The persons conducting an examination will send the candidate's answers to their respective examiners, and the questions back to the Chairman.

4. Each examiner will send three (typewritten, if possible) copies of questions to Chairman, retaining one copy for himself, and after examining the papers submitted by candidate will forward grades to the Registrar.

5. It shall be the duty of the undergraduates desiring to present credit for any subject pursued in school, or Conference, to confer with the examiner before Conference, stating the subject for which he desires credit and to present satisfactory evidence of his standing in the same before the Board of Examiners at its annual meeting at the seat of Conference.

6. Local preachers will apply directly to John A. Meeke, Anaconda, for information and questions on that course.

7. After the opening session of Conference no candidate will hereafter be admitted to examination.

8. Examiners will keep account of postage expense and submit same to board at annual meeting.

9. Read carefully what the Discipline says, relating to Conference examination. (Appendix, Chapter 8).

10. Write all sermons, essays, and answers to questions neatly with ink on one side of the paper.

11. Examinations must be taken before a member of the Examining Board, or some person suggested by the District Superintendent. Candidates appointed to remote charges are requested, as far as possible, to arrange to take their examination during the visits of the superintendent.

12. The secretary of the Conference is instructed to pay bills incurred by the chairman and registrar for the typewriting and postage necessary in the preparation and transmission of examination questions.

13. Each candidate will be required to present a synopsis of each book of collateral reading, same to consist of not less than one thousand words.

Miscellaneous

GOVERNING LAWS

Articles of Incorporation of the Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Montana

EXHIBIT "A"

"Resolved, That the Trustees of this Conference, to-wit: L. H. Mickel, S. A. Oliver and Jacob Mills, be and are hereby authorized to incorporate this Conference, and for that purpose to file with the proper officer articles of incorporation, as required by law."

We, the President and Secretary of the Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Montana, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Montana, at a regular meeting thereof, held in the city of Helena, Mont., on the twenty-sixth of August, 1910, and we do further certify that said resolution was adopted by the unanimous vote of the members of said Conference then present.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We have hereunto set our hands, this twenty-sixth day of August, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and ten.

ROBERT MCINTYRE, President.

Attest: GEO. D. KING, Secretary.

State of Montana,

County of Lewis and Clark.

ss.

We, L. H. Mickel, S. A. Oliver and Jacob Mills, trustees of the Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Montana, do by these presents, pursuant to and in conformity with the laws of the state of Montana, and pursuant to, and as authorized by a resolution, duly passed and adopted by said Conference, a certified copy of which resolution is hereto attached marked "Exhibit A," and hereby referred to as and made a part thereof, and for the purpose of incorporating said Conference agree upon and adopt the following:

Articles of Incorporation

First: The name of said corporation is hereby declared to be THE CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF MONTANA

Second: The purposes for which said corporation is organized are to supervise, superintend, and promote the organization, co-operation, activities, maintenance, and work of local churches and organizations of the Methodist Episcopal Church within the boundaries and jurisdiction of said Conference as now established, and as the same may from time to time be

established, changed, modified, and maintained; to maintain, carry on, and conduct the preaching and dissemination of the gospel of Jesus Christ within the boundaries and jurisdiction of said Conference, and throughout the world, and to that end co-operate with other conferences, associations, and institutions; to establish, erect, maintain, carry on and conduct and aid in establishing, erecting, maintaining, carrying on, and conducting schools, colleges, universities, hospitals, and other eleemosynary, benevolent, charitable, and religious institutions and enterprises; to receive devises, bequests, legacies, donations, and funds and accept and discharge trusts and agencies for or on behalf of, or in aid of, any and all such or similar institutions, enterprises, and causes, and generally to do and perform any and all things that may be convenient or proper in promoting, maintaining, and furthering all benevolent, charitable, and religious works, enterprises and measures authorized or that may be authorized by the general or local laws, rules, and regulations of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and to purchase or otherwise acquire, and to sell, or otherwise dispose of, and encumber such property, real, personal, and mixed, as may from time to time be necessary, proper, or convenient for the purpose or any of the purposes aforesaid.

Third: The number of trustees of said corporation for the first year of the corporate existence of such corporation is three.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We hereunto set our hands the twenty-sixth day of August, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and ten.

L. H. MICKEL,
S. A. OLIVER,
JACOB MILLS.

State of Montana,
County of Lewis and Clark.

On this twenty-sixth day of August, in the year nineteen hundred and ten, before me, Massena Bullard, a Notary Public for the State of Montana, personally appeared L. H. Mickel, S. A. Oliver, and Jacob Mills, known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Notarial Seal, the day and year in this certificate first above written.

MASSENA BULLARD,
Notary Public for the State of Montana, residing
at Helena, Mont. My commission expires
January 23, 1912.

BY-LAWS OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF MONTANA

Article I

The Board of Trustees—The Board of Trustees, after the first year, shall number not less than three nor more than seven, all of whom reside

within the bounds of the said Conference and shall be over twenty-one years of age, a majority of whom shall be members of the said Conference; the minority shall be lay members of the said church; all of whom shall be chosen by the Annual Conference of the said church. The financial and secular business of the corporation shall be under their management.

Article II

Officers of the Board of Trustees—The officers of the Board of Trustees shall consist of a President, Secretary, and Treasurer, all of whom shall be elected annually by ballot at the first meeting of the Board of Trustees after election of members by the Annual Conference and whose term of office will terminate at the election and qualification of their successors.

Article III

Duties of Officers—Sec. 1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside when present at all meetings of the Board of Trustees, appoint committees, call special meetings of the Board of Trustees as occasion may require, sign orders on the treasurer for the payment of money and during the interim between meetings have general supervision of the affairs of the Board of Trustees, and to execute all legal papers on behalf of the corporation as provided by law.

Sec. 2. The duties of the Vice-President shall be to preside at all meetings of the Board of Trustees in the absence of the President and perform all other duties of the President in his absence.

Sec. 3. The duties of the Secretary shall be to keep a correct journal of the proceedings of all meetings of the Board of Trustees in a record book provided for that purpose and to take charge of and preserve all papers and documents belonging to his office, and to attend all legal papers of the corporation. He shall deliver to his legal successor or to the Board of Trustees when requested all books and papers of the corporation. He shall deliver to his legal successor or to the Board of Trustees when requested all books and papers in his possession belonging to said board.

Sec. 4. The duties of the Treasurer shall be to receive and take charge of, under the direction of the Board of Trustees, all moneys received by the corporation and to pay out the same on the order of the President. He shall also keep an account of all moneys received by him, showing from what source received, and of all moneys paid out by him and render a full report of the transactions of the financial condition of his office to the Board of Trustees at its annual meeting, and at such other times as he may be directed by said board. He shall furnish, if required, by the Board of Trustees, before receiving any of the funds of the Conference, a fidelity bond in such amount as the Board of Trustees may direct from time to time, to cover the faithful performance of his duties. These bonds shall be made payable to the Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Montana, and shall be executed by some responsible bonding company approved by the Board of Trustees, and the cost of said bonds shall be paid by this corporation. All moneys received by the Treasurer shall be depos-

ited forthwith by him in some bank or other institution of deposit, subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees and he shall furnish a certified duplicate certificate of deposit to the chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees for each deposit as soon as made.

RULES OF THE MONTANA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Duties of the President

1. The President shall see that all business pertaining to the Conference shall be brought forward and conducted in a proper manner, according to the provisions of the Discipline and Rules of the Conference.
2. He shall preserve order in all proceedings; and in debates shall keep the speakers to the question, and call them to order when they wander from the point, or from rules of order, or use any improper language.
3. He shall appoint all committees unless otherwise decided by the Conference, in which case the appointment shall be made by ballot or nomination, at the discretion of the Conference, no member thereof being permitted to nominate more than one person for the same committee.
4. When two or more members shall rise and address the President at the same time, he shall decide which of them is entitled to the floor.

The Duties of the Secretary

1. The Secretary shall record all answers to questions of law; also rulings made by the President in the transaction of the business of the Conference, and to keep a fair and correct record of its proceedings to be read at the commencement of each session thereafter subject to the correction of the Conference.
2. He shall carefully preserve the journals and papers of the Conference placed in custody, and shall not permit any person but a member to examine the same, nor shall he allow a member to make a transcript from either without the permission of the Conference and he shall also produce the journal and papers at the next annual session of the Conference.
3. He shall also, after the close of the Conference, make an appendix at the end of the journal in which he shall record all documents which shall be ordered by the Conference to be so recorded (the motion on which shall be taken without debate) and documents so recorded shall be referred to on the journal of the Conference.

The Duties and Privileges of Members

1. Every member who would speak should rise in his place and respectfully address the President, refraining from all personalities and indecorous language; but no member shall speak more than once on the same question (except to explain) until every member choosing shall have spoken; nor longer than fifteen minutes, without permission of the Conference.

2. When a member shall be called to order by the President or any member he shall take his seat until the question be decided by the President; nevertheless, he shall be allowed an appeal to the Conference which shall decide without debate.

3. Any member may call for the division of a question, which shall be granted when, in the judgment of the President, the sense will admit of it; and every member present shall vote on all questions unless excused by the Conference.

Questions to Be Taken Without Debate.

A motion simply to adjourn. Motion to lie on the table.

STANDING RULES

1. Applicants for admission on trial shall not be over 35 years of age.
2. In view of the increasing number of claimants on our superannuate fund, the District Superintendents shall not encourage the transfer, and the Bishops are respectfully requested not to transfer any men to this Conference who are not in sound health and who are over forty years of age.
3. After September 1, 1912, candidates for admission on trial into full connection and for election to elder's orders must bring up all books to be read and all books studied without condition.

MISCELLANEOUS RULES

Section 1

1. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order.
2. When a question has been decided, any member who may have voted in the majority on said question may move for a reconsideration thereof.
3. When the reading of a paper is called for, and the same is objected to by a member, the question shall be determined by a vote of the Conference.
4. A motion may be withdrawn by the mover at any time before decision thereon or amendment thereto.
5. It shall always be in order at any time during the discussion of a proposition before the Conference (except during the examination of character), to move that the question be put without debate, and, if the motion is sustained by two-thirds of the members present and voting, the debate shall at once cease, and the question shall be put.
6. No motion shall be entertained unless seconded, and all motions and resolutions shall be reduced to writing, if desired by the President or Secretary, or any member of the Conference.

7. No matter of business, other than that which pertains to the ordinary business of the Conference, shall be read by the Secretary, until the subject of it is stated by the introducer.

8. When the report of the committee is under consideration, the chairman or a member of the committee selected by the committee or its chairman, shall be entitled to close the debate, and the representative of the committee shall not be deprived of his rights to close the debate even by the ordering of a previous question. If the motion to lay on the table the report, or any part of it, be made, the representative of the committee may elect to speak before that motion is put, or to reserve his right and speak on the final question.

9. The yeas and nays shall be called and recorded on any question on the demand of fifteen members.

10. On the first day of the session at two o'clock the list of appointments shall be called and the preachers in charge requested to report collections to Treasurer and statistical reports to Statistical Secretary, and on the second morning after the approval of the minutes, the names of all who have not reported shall be called, and a proper excuse required.

11. When the call of districts for the passage of character is begun, it shall not be in order to interrupt the call for the transaction of other Conference business until all the districts are completed.

Section 2

1. In all other preliminary matters not specified in the above rules the Conference shall be governed by the well-settled principles of common parliamentary law and rules of the General Conference, so far as they will apply to this body.

Mission and Conference Sessions

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Year	Day	PLACE	BISHOP	SECRETARY
1872	August	2	Salt Lake City, Utah..	Foster J. M. Jameson
1873	July	31	Salt Lake City, Utah..	Peck D. G. Strong
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1876	July	27	Helena, Mont.	Harris F. A. Riffin

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1877	August	2	Bozeman	Bowman	L. W. B. Long
1878	August	2	Virginia City.....	Andrews	Hugh Duncan
1879	July	3	Butte	Merrill	W. C. Shippen
1880	July	23	Virginia City.....	Wiley	George Comfort
1881	July	21	Helena	Wiley	George Comfort
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1894	August	9	Butte, Mountain View	Joyce	Philip Lowry
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1907	August	21	Anaconda	Moore	George D. King
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1909	August	25	Butte, Mountain View	Spellmeyer	C. E. Miller
1910	August	24	Helena, St. Paul's.....	McIntyre	George D. King
1911	August	21	Billings	Nuelsen	Edward L. Miller
1912	August	21	Missoula	Luccock	Paul M. Adams
1913	August	20	Bozeman	Luccock	Paul M. Adams
1914	August	26	Forsyth	Luccock	Paul M. Adams
1915	August	18	Butte	McConnell	Paul M. Adams
1916	August	16	Livingston	Cooke	Paul M. Adams
1917	August	22	Billings.....	Hamilton	Paul M. Adams
1918	August	21	Dillon	Shepard	Jno. M. White

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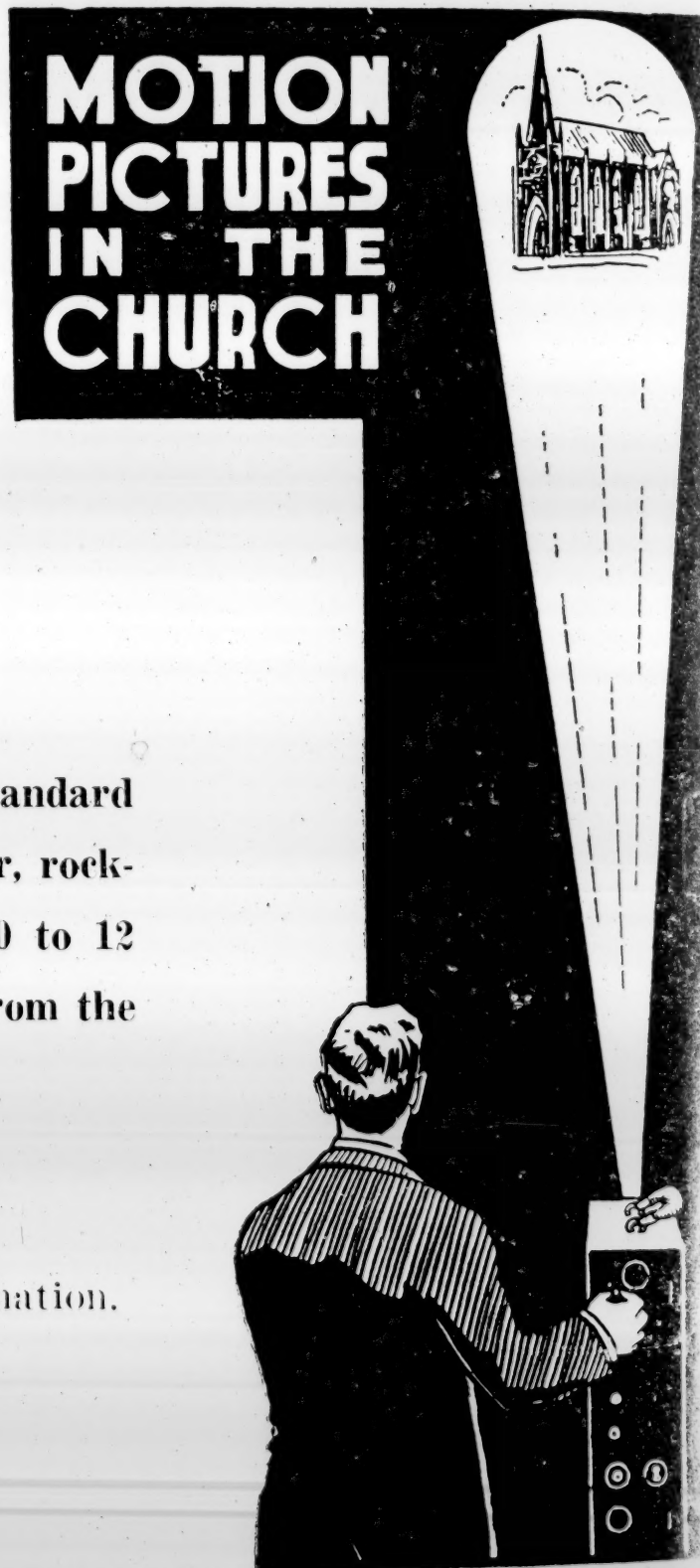
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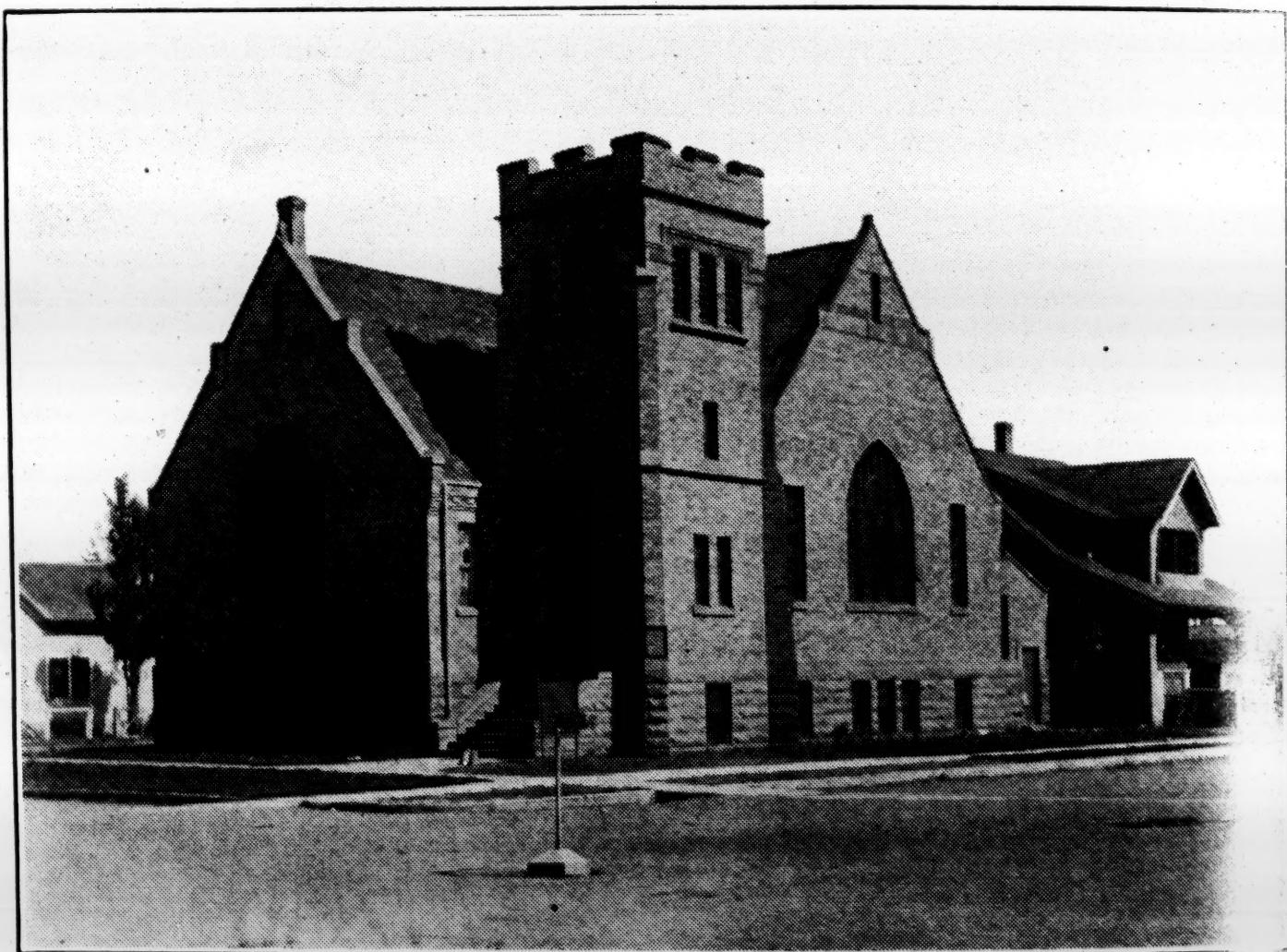
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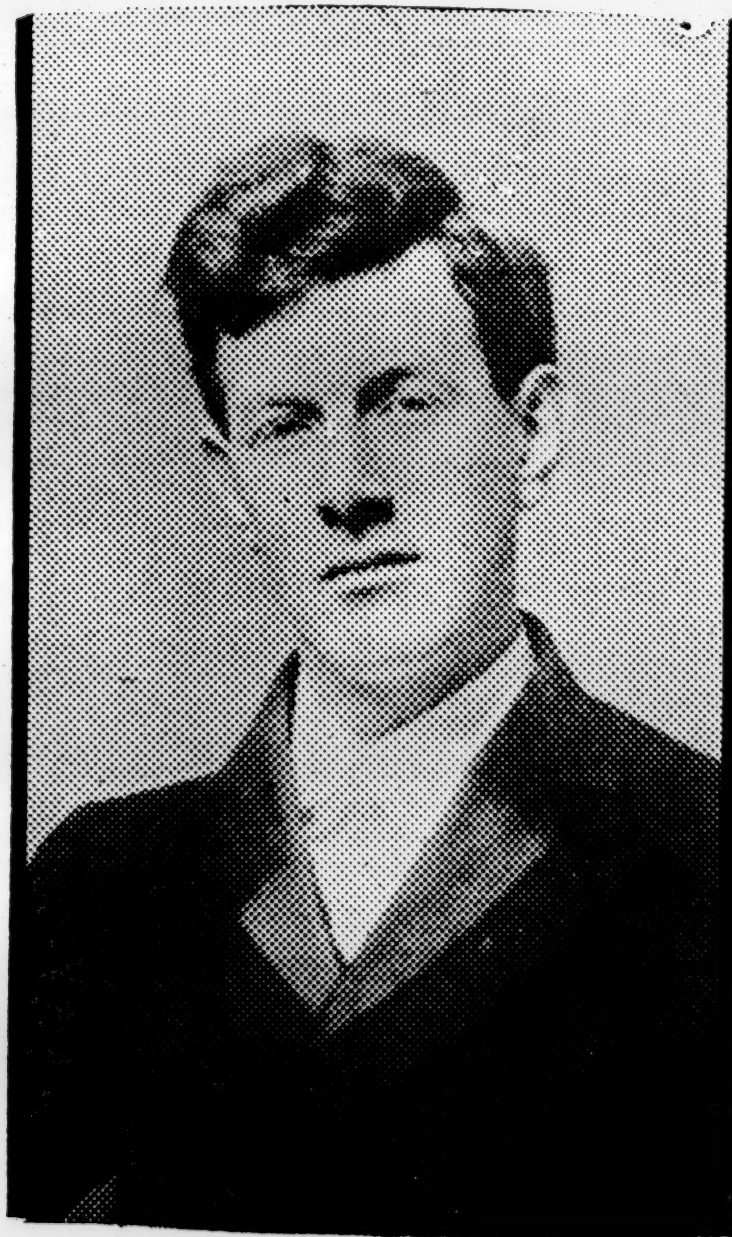
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1910	August 24	Helena, St. Paul's.....	McIntyre.....	George D. King
1911	August 21	Billings.....	Nuelsen.....	Edward L. Mills
1912	August 21	Missoula.....	Luccock.....	Paul M. Adams
1913	August 20	Bozeman.....	Luccock.....	Paul M. Adams
1914	August 26	Forsyth.....	Luccock.....	Paul M. Adams
1915	August 18	Butte.....	McConnell.....	Paul M. Adams
1916	August 16	Livingston.....	Cooke.....	Paul M. Adams
1917	August 22	Billings.....	Hamilton.....	Paul M. Adams
1918	August 21	Dillon.....	Shepard.....	Jno. M. Whiteley
1919	August 20	Glendive.....	Cooke.....	Charles Rhodes

CONFERENCE ROLL AND DIRECTORY

Effective Elders	Address	Years App'tm't	Entered Ministry	Entered Montana Conference
1 Adams, Paul M.	Helena		Montana, 1902	Trial, 1902
2 Barker, Thos. H.	Drummond	2	Montana, 1904	Trial, 1904
3 Bartlett, E. C.	Red Lodge	4	Upper Iowa, 1902	Transfer, 1909
4 Bovard, Chas. L.	Helena (Dist. Supt.)	4	S. E. Indiana, 1882	Transfer, 1899
5 Carter, Geo. M.	Hardin	1	Montana, 1915	Trial, 1915
6 Chirgwin, John	Helena		Montana, 1905	Trial, 1905
7 Cooper, Harry M.	Fairview	3	Des Moines, 1908	Transfer, 1911
8 Crouch, Chas. D.	Helena	1	Montana, 1899	Trial, 1899
9 Cunningham, C. E.	Townsend	2	Arkansas, 1886	Transfer, 1899
10 Dann, W. G. R.	Livingston	2	Puget Sound, 1910	Transfer, 1914
11 Donaldson, Chas. M.	Helena		Minnesota, 1905	Transfer, 1918
12 Fenton, C. E.	Clyde Park	1	N. W. Nebraska,	Transfer, 1911
13 Fulford, F. C.	61 Atlantic St., Butte	2	Montana, 1908	Trial, 1908
14 Hardie, Thomas	Miles City	2	Montana, 1910	Trial, 1910
15 Humphrey, H. G.	Dillon	5	St. Louis, 1901	Transfer, 1915
16 James, Henry A.	Livingston	1	N. W. Iowa, 1884	Transfer, 1895
17 Kelley, F. O.	Y. M. C. A.		Rock River	Transfer, 1912
18 Kletzing, Russell R.	Twin Bridges	2	Wyoming State	Transfer, 1919
19 Lacklen, Jesse	Missoula	1	N. Ohio, 1907	Transfer, 1911
20 Martin, T. H.			Montana, 1902	Trial, 1902
21 Mecklenburg, Geo.	Helena		N. Montana, 1911	Transfer, 1913
22 Mecklenburg, H. C.	Denver, Colo.		N. Minnesota, 1911	Transfer, 1915
23 Miller, Thos.	Wilsall	3	N. Montana, 1912	Transfer, 1917
24 Mills, Edward L.	Berkeley, Cal.		Montana, 1902	Trial, 1902
25 Mitchell, J. H.	U. S. Army		Wilmington	Transfer, 1914
26 Nutting, Wilder	Thompson Falls	1	Mont. Mission, 1883	Orig. Mem., 1887
27 Papa, J. M. A.	Chicago, Ill.		Montana, 1913	Credentials, 1913
28 Parkinson, W. A.	Comanche	2	N. Minnesota, 1904	Transfer, 1917
29 Pascoe, W. H.	971 N. Main, Butte	1	Montana, 1903	Credentials, 1903
30 Plummer, A. E.	Helena	1	Montana, 1911	Trial, 1911
31 Ponath, O. G.	Laurel	2	N. Dakota	Transfer, 1917
32 Randall, Joshua O.	Billings	2	Rock River	Transfer, 1919
33 Rhodes, Charles	715 E. 2nd, Butte	1	Montana, 1908	Trial, 1908
34 Ross, John G.	Glendive	2	N. Montana, 1908	Transfer, 1909
35 Smith, Edward	Bozeman (Dist. Supt.)	4	Columbia River, 1893	Transfer, 1898
36 Smith, R. P.	Bozeman	5	Montana, 1895	Trial, 1895
37 Smith, W. C.	Forsyth	2	Columbia River, 1896	Transfer, 1915
38 Stull, G. C.	U. S. Army		New Jersey, 1882	Orig. Mem., 1887
39 Spencer, F. T.	Whitehall	4	Montana, 1905	Trial, 1905
40 Swisher, E. D.	Bridger	2	Cent. Illinois, 1910	Transfer, 1912
41 Welch, Arthur D.	Sidney	2	Upper Iowa, 1899	Transfer, 1918
42 Whitford, Fred	Huntley	4	Montana, 1907	Trial, 1907
43 Wolfe, Chas. F.	Anaconda	2	Montana, 1913	Trial, 1913
44 Wolfe, Geo. D.	Butte	10	Indiana, 1880	Transfer, 1910
Supernumerary				
45 Latham, F. M.	Laurel	2	S. Illinois	Transfer, 1917
46 Linger, F. O.	Park City	2	Montana, 1909	Trial, 1909
47 Meeke, John A.	Anaconda	3	Montana, 1904	Trial, 1904
48 Stephens, Geo. J.		2	N. Dakota, 1908	Transfer, 1912
Retired				
49 Badcon, J. A.	3216 W. 67 St., Seattle, Wash.	5		Transfer, 1905
50 Calvert, W. H.	Wibaux	1	Kentucky, 1887	Transfer, 1908
51 Hosking, John	Deer Lodge	10	Mont. Mission, 1885	Orig. Mem., 1887
52 Kershaw, Andrew	Med. Lake, Wn.	9		Transfer, 1902
53 King, Geo. D.	Whitehall	5	Cent. Illinois, 1880	Orig. Mem., 1887
54 Mills, Jacob	Helena	6	Mont. Mission, 1882	Orig. Mem., 1887
55 Morrison, A. P.	1107 W. 47 St., Los Angeles, Cal.	9		Transfer, 1907
56 Oliver, S. A.	McAllister R. F. D. 1,	5	Detroit, 1884	Transfer, 1888
57 Snider, S. E.	McKeesport, Pa.	21	Upper Iowa, 1872	Orig. Mem., 1887
UNDER-GRADUATES				
First Year				
58 Trappolini, A.			Newark, 1916	Transfer, 1917
59 VanDemark, M. E.	Helena		Montana, 1917	Trial, 1917
Second Year				
60 Greer, Walter L.	Army Y.M.C.A.		Montana, 1914	Trial, 1914
61 Ortmayer, Louis	McAllister	5	Montana, 1918	Trial, 1918
62 Peck, Aden T.	Park City	3	Montana, 1917	Trial, 1917
63 Rankin, Ira F.	Helena	2	Montana, 1916	Trial, 1916
Third Year				
64 Hoover, Albert C.			Montana, 1913	Trial, 1913
Fourth Year				
65 Chappell, Harry E.	Baker	2	Puget Sound, 1915	Transfer, 1917

II Officers of the Conference

PRESIDENT

Bishop Richard J. Cooke Helena, Mont.

SECRETARY

Charles Rhodes 715 East Second St., Butte

ASSISTANTS

Thomas Hardie F. T. Spencer

TREASURER

Fred Whitford Huntley

ASSISTANT

E. D. Swisher

STATISTICIAN

F. C. Fulford Butte

ASSISTANTS

Thos. Miller W. C. Smith A. E. Plummer

REGISTRAR

Thomas Hardie Miles City

AUDITOR

Paul M. Adams Helena

III

Conference Committees

TRUSTEES OF THE CONFERENCE

Jacob Mills, Charles D. Crouch, C. M. Donaldson, A. F. Ritz, F. B. Price.

TRIERS OF APPEALS

Jacob Mills, Charles D. Crouch, R. P. Smith, C. M. Donaldson, E. C. Bartlett.

BOARD OF STEWARDS

For One Year—R. P. Smith, Charles D. Crouch, J. E. Farnum.

For Two Years—C. L. Bovard, J. A. Meeke, S. E. Dove.

For Three Years—C. E. Cunningham, H. A. James, E. H. Fisher.

President, H. A. James; Secretary, J. A. Meeke.

DEACONESS BOARD

For One Year—Mrs. Edward Smith, Dr. H. E. Carman, H. G. Humphrey.

For Two Years—Mrs. Geo. Mecklenburg, John Chirgwin, Judge F. B. Reynolds.

For Three Years—Mrs. J. F. Mills, Wm. Lutey, R. P. Smith.

President, H. G. Humphrey; Secretary, John Chirgwin.

BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

C. L. Bovard, Edward Smith, Frederick Spencer, Thomas Hardie, S. E. Dove, Thomas Layfield, R. J. Cunningham, Mrs. E. O. Valliant.

BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION

C. L. Bovard, Edward Smith, George D. Wolfe, W. H. Pascoe, F. C. Fulford, Chas. F. Wolfe, William Lutey, F. B. Price, P. H. Sherrard, B. K. Wheeler, J. H. Strain, C. E. Avery.

Officers—President, George D. Wolfe; Secretary, F. C. Fulford; Treasurer, Chas. F. Wolfe.

Executive Committee—The officers and C. L. Bovard and Edward Smith.

STEWARDSHIP SECRETARIES

Butte District—Charles D. Crouch, District Secretary.

Butte Sub-District—Charles F. Wolfe.

Helena Sub-District—Charles M. Donaldson.

Missoula Sub-District—Jesse Lacklen.

Yellowstone District—A. D. Welch, District Secretary.

Billings Sub-District—E. C. Bartlett.

Glendive Sub-District—John G. Ross.

Livingston Sub-District—W. G. R. Dann.

Miles City Sub-District—W. C. Smith.

Episcopal Residence—C. L. Bovard, Edward Smith, C. M. Donaldson, E. D. Elderkin, E. H. Fisher.

Conference Boundaries—C. L. Bovard, Edward Smith, Paul M. Adams, G. Mecklenburg, Charles D. Crouch.

BOARD OF CHURCH LOCATION AND ERECTION

Butte District—C. L. Bovard, C. M. Donaldson, Paul M. Adams, G. A. Bailey, T. H. Barker.

Yellowstone District—Edward Smith, T. H. Martin, A. D. Welch, F. B. Reynolds, Andrew Seaberg.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

For One Year—Geo. D. Wolfe, H. A. James, R. J. Cunningham, C. E. Avery.

For Two Years—R. P. Smith, A. D. Welch, John Inch, Guy E. Marvin.

For Three Years—Geo. Mecklenburg, C. E. Fenton, D. R. McRae, Prof. H. McCall.

BOARD OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS

George Mecklenburg, H. G. Humphrey, C. E. Fenton, E. D. Elderkin, C. M. Donaldson, J. B. Montgomery.

COMMISSION ON FINANCE

T. H. Martin, W. C. House, George Mecklenburg, E. D. Swisher, J. G. Ross, E. C. Bartlett, G. E. Marvin, J. H. Inch.

TRUSTEES MONTANA WESLEYAN COLLEGE

For Term Ending March, 1920—R. P. Smith and Edward Laird Mills.

For Term Ending March, 1921—Jesse Lacklen and J. V. Kohler.

For Term Ending March, 1922—C. M. Donaldson and Charles D. Crouch.

TRUSTEES KIMBALL SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

Geo. D. Wolfe, H. G. Humphrey. Conference Visitors, Geo. D. Wolfe, C. L. Bovard and E. Smith.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS

John A. Meeke, chairman; Thos. Hardie, registrar.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Conference Relations—

For One Year—Charles D. Crouch, H. A. James, C. E. Cunningham.

For Two Years—T. H. Barker, C. E. Fenton, George Mecklenburg.

For Three Years—E. C. Bartlett, C. M. Donaldson, R. P. Smith

President—Charles D. Crouch.

Book Concern—A. E. Plummer, Harry M. Cooper, W. C. Smith.

Freedmen's Aid—F. C. Fulford, T. H. Barker, W. H. Pascoe, W. A. Parkinson.

Hospitals—W. G. R. Dann, A. D. Welch, R. P. Smith, A. J. Movius, R. M. Pinkney, Thos. Miller.

Temperance—F. T. Spencer, E. D. Swisher, G. D. Wolfe, W. H. Pascoe, A. D. Welch, E. C. Bartlett

Epworth League—W. H. Pascoe, Charles Rhodes, Chas. F. Wolfe.

History and Memoirs—Geo. D. King, Jacob Mills, S. A. Oliver, H. A. James, G. M. Carter.

Resolutions—Geo. D. Wolfe, R. P. Smith, F. O. Linger, A. D. Welch, O. G. Ponath.

Publishing the Minutes—Charles Rhodes, Thomas Hardie, F. T. Spencer.

Auditing—W. H. Calvert, A. D. Welch.

Pro Rating Secretary—T. H. Martin, A. E. Plummer, A. T. Peck.

Uniform Method of Church Finance—C. M. Donaldson, H. M. Cooper, Charles D. Crouch.

Centenary, District Superintendents—Charles D. Crouch, R. P. Smith, George D. Wolfe, George Mecklenburg, G. M. Carter.

Reconstruction—H. G. Humphrey, J. G. Ross, H. A. James, Thos. Hardie, Jacob Mills.

Conference Claimants Endowment Fund—H. A. James, C. L. Bovard, E. Smith, Chas. E. Avery, W. Lindsey.

Delegates to Federal Council—C. L. Bovard, Edward Smith.

Fraternal Delegate to Northwest Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, South—Geo. D. Wolfe.

Courtesies—H. A. James, Charles D. Crouch, H. E. Chappell.

Methodist Review—Ira F. Rankin.

Reporter—R. P. Smith.

Postmaster—W. A. Parkinson.

IV Disciplinary Questions

1. Is this Annual Conference Incorporated According to the Requirement of the Discipline?

It is.

2. Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conference?

Russell R. Kletzing, Wyoming State; Joshua O. Randall, Rock River.

3. Who have been Readmitted?

None.

4. Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches?

None.

5. Who have been Received on Trial?

(a) In Studies of First Year. None.

(b) In Studies of Third Year under the Seminary Rule. None.

6. Who have been Continued on Trial?

(a) In Studies of First Year. Amadeo Trappolini, Martin Van Demark.

(b) In Studies of Second Year. Walter L. Greer, Louis Ortmayer, Aden T. Peck, Ira F. Rankin.

(c) In Studies of Third Year. None.

(d) In Studies of Fourth Year. None.

7. Who have been Discontinued?

Fred C. Anstice, Cecil G. Hannan.

8. Who have been admitted into Full Membership?

(a) Elected and Ordained Deacons this year. None.

(b) Elected and Ordained Deacons previously. None.

9. What Members are in Studies of Third Year?

(a) Admitted into Full Membership this year. None.

(b) Admitted into Full Membership previously. Albert C. Hoover.

10. What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?

Harry E. Chappell.

1. What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?

(a) Elected and Ordained Elders this year. Archibald E. Plummer.

(b) Elected and Ordained Elders previously. None.

(c) Elected and Ordained Elders under the Seminary Rule. None.

12. What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?

- (a) As Local Preachers. None.
- (b) Under Missionary Rule. None.
- (c) Under the Seminary Rule. None.

13. What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?

- (a) As Local Deacons. None.
- (b) Under Missionary Rule. None.

14. Was the Character of each Preacher examined?

This was strictly done in open Conference.

15. Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences?

Henry L. Blair, Nebraska; W. H. Calfee, Northeast Ohio (1918);
Godfrey Kopriva, Columbia River.

16. Who have Died?

John M. Whiteley.

17. Who have been Located at their own Request?

None.

18. Who have been Located?

T. S. Leland, R. T. Westren.

19. Who have Withdrawn?

None.

20. Who have been permitted to Withdraw under Charges or Complaints?

None.

21. Who have been Expelled?

None.

22. What other personal Notation should be made?

None.

23. Who are the Supernumerary Ministers, and for what number of years consecutively has each held this Relation?

F. M. Latham (2), F. O. Linger (2), John A. Meeke (3), G. J. Stephens (2).

24. Who are the Retired Ministers?

J. A. Badcon, W. H. Calvert, John Hosking, Andrew Kershaw, Geo. D. King, Jacob Mills, A. P. Morrison, S. A. Oliver, S. E. Snider.

25. Who are the Triers of Appeals?

Charles D. Crouch, Jacob Mills, R. P. Smith, C. M. Donaldson, E. C. Bartlett.

26. What is the Annual Report of the Conference Board of Home Missions and Church Extension?

See Report.

27. **What is the Annual Report of the Conference Board of Foreign Missions?**
See Report.
28. **What is the Statistical Report?**
See the Statistician's Report.
29. **What is the Conference Treasurer's Report?**
See the Conference Treasurer's Report.
30. (a) **What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer?**
\$28,358.
- (b) **What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the Annual Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer?**
\$86,623.
31. **What are the Claims on the Conference Funds?**
For Annuity distribution, 272 years multiplied by the Disciplinary rate of \$14.25 per year, \$3,876. For Necessitous distribution, \$200. Total, \$4,076.
32. (a) **What has been Received on these Claims?**
From the Book Concern, \$587. From Annual Conference Investments, \$136. From the Chartered Fund, \$35. From Pastoral Charges, \$2,365. From the Board of Conference Claimants, \$200. Total, \$3,323.
- (b) **How has it been Applied?** See report.
33. **What amount has been apportioned to the Pastoral Charges within the Conference, to be raised for the Support of Conference Claimants?**
(Par. 336.)
\$3,248.
34. **What amount has been paid by the Conference Treasurer to the Board of Conference Claimants for Connectional Relief?**
\$134.
35. **Where are the Preachers Stationed?**
See List of Appointments.
36. **Where shall the Next Conference be held?**
Helena.

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Appointments

Butte District

District Superintendent	- - - - -	Charles L. Bovard (4)
Anaconda	- - - - -	Charles F. Wolfe (2)
Avon	- - - - -	(Supplied by Wm. Koehler) (1)
Big Blackfoot	- - - - -	(Supplied by Samuel Fletcher) (1)
*Butte: Grace	- - - - -	Charles Rhodes (1)
Italian Mission	- - - - -	(Supplied by John A. Smith) (1)
Mount Bethel and Wesley	- - - - -	George Reid (1)
Mountain View	- - - - -	George D. Wolfe (10)
Trinity	- - - - -	W. H. Pascoe (1)
Unity and Silver Bow	- - - - -	Fred C. Fulford (3)
Clancy and Jefferson	- - - - -	Ira F. Rankin (2)
Dillon	- - - - -	H. G. Humphrey (5)
Drummond and Hall	- - - - -	Thomas H. Barker (2)
*Hamilton	- - - - -	K. O. Pearson (1)
Helena: Oakes Street	- - - - -	A. E. Plummer (1)
St. Paul's	- - - - -	Charles D. Crouch (1)
Lima Circuit	- - - - -	To be Supplied
Lolo Circuit	- - - - -	(Supplied by A. Lucas) (2)
Meadow Creek	- - - - -	Louis Ortmyer (2)
Missoula	- - - - -	Jesse Lacklen (1)
Philipsburg	- - - - -	(Supplied by Fred Anstice) (1)
Ronan	- - - - -	(Supplied by James Hughes) (1)
St. Ignatius	- - - - -	Wm. H. Tester (3)
Sheridan and Ruby	- - - - -	(Supplied by Otho Wise) (2)
Stevensville	- - - - -	P. D. Hartman (2)
Superior and Alberton	- - - - -	L. E. Simes (2)
Thompson and Plains	- - - - -	Wilder Nutting (1)
Three Forks	- - - - -	(Supplied by T. R. Clarkson) (1)
Townsend and Radersburg	- - - - -	C. E. Cunningham (3)
Twin Bridges	- - - - -	Russell R. Kletzing (2)
Whitehall	- - - - -	Fred T. Spencer (4)
Winston and Marysville	- - - - -	(Supplied by Carl Knudson) (1)

* T. H. Martin declining to go to Grace Church as designated at Conference by the Bishop, the appointing powers made the adjustments as they appear in this list: Charles Rhodes was changed from Hamilton to Grace, and K. O. Pearson was appointed to Hamilton.

Yellowstone District

District Superintendent	- - - - -	Edward Smith (4)
Alzada Circuit	- - - - -	(To be Supplied)
Ashland Circuit	- - - - -	(To be Supplied)

Baker	- - - - -	H. E. Chappell (2)
Big Timber and Reed Point	- - - - -	(To be Supplied)
Billings	- - - - -	J. O. Randall (2)
Bloomfield Circuit	- - - - -	(To be Supplied)
Bozeman	- - - - -	R. P. Smith (5)
Bridger and Fromberg	- - - - -	E. D. Swisher (2)
Clyde Park	- - - - -	C. E. Fenton (1)
Comanche Circuit	- - - - -	W. A. Parkinson (2)
Edwards Circuit	- - - - -	(Supplied by E. E. Van Ness) (1)
Fairview	- - - - -	H. M. Cooper (3)
Forsyth	- - - - -	W. C. Smith (2)
Fish Tail Circuit	- - - - -	(To be Supplied)
Glendive	- - - - -	John G. Ross (2)
Hardin	- - - - -	C. M. Carter (1)
Huntley Circuit	- - - - -	Fred Whitford (4)
Ingomar Circuit	- - - - -	(To be Supplied)
Joliet Circuit	- - - - -	(To be Supplied)
Laurel	- - - - -	O. G. Ponath (2)
Lake Basin Circuit	- - - - -	(Supplied by F. O. Linger)
Livingston	- - - - -	H. A. James (1)
Miles City	- - - - -	Thomas Hardie (2)
Park City	- - - - -	A. T. Peck (3)
Pine Creek	- - - - -	W. G. R. Dann (2)
Red Lodge	- - - - -	E. C. Bartlett (4)
Roberts	- - - - -	(To be Supplied)
Richey Circuit	- - - - -	(To be Supplied)
Sidney	- - - - -	A. D. Welch (2)
Sioux Pass	- - - - -	(To be Supplied)
Wibaux	- - - - -	(Supplied by W. H. Calvert) (1)
Wilsall	- - - - -	Thomas Miller (3)

Special Appointments

Paul M. Adams, Professor of Biology, Montana Wesleyan College, St. Paul's Quarterly Conference, Helena, Montana. (6)

John Chirgwin, Field Agent of Montana Deaconess School, St. Paul's Quarterly Conference, Helena, Montana. (7)

Edward Laird Mills, Secretary of the Department of the Frontier of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, St. Paul's Quarterly Conference, Helena, Montana (4).

G. C. Stull, Chaplain in the United States Army, Billings Quarterly Conference.

J. H. Mitchell, Chaplain in the United States Army, Grace Quarterly Conference, Butte, Montana.

F. O. Kelley, Y. M. C. A. Work, Billings Quarterly Conference.

M. E. VanDemark, W. L. Greer and A. C. Hoover, all of St. Paul's Quarterly Conference, Helena, Montana; Amadeo Trappolini and J. M. A. Papa, both of Mountain View Quarterly Conference; H. C. Mecklenburg,

Freeport Quarterly Conference—left without appointment to attend some of our schools.

George Mecklenburg, Centenary Secretary, Helena Area, St. Paul's Quarterly Conference.

Chas. M. Donaldson, Associate Finance Director Centenary, St. Paul's Quarterly Conference.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR MAINTENANCE.

Butte District.

Charge	Regular	Emergency	Total
Butte: Italian Work	\$ 900	\$ 300	\$1200
Butte: Mt. Bethel	100	100	200
Butte: Silver Bow	100	.....	100
Helena: Oakes St.	150	150	300
Big Blackfoot	200	200	400
Clancy	100	300	400
Hamilton	150	150	300
Lima and Armstead.....	100	300	400
Lolo Circuit	200	100	300
Meadow Creek .....	.....	500	500
Marysville and Winston.....	100	200	300
Philipsburg	300	200	500
Ronan	225	175	400
St. Ignatius	200	100	300
Sheridan .....	.....	200	200
Superior and Alberton	225	75	300
Thompson and Plains	250	150	400
Three Forks	350	150	500
Townsend .....	.....	300	300
Twin Bridges	250	150	400
Whitehall	100	200	300
District Superintendent	100	100	200
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	\$4250	\$4250	\$8500

Approved by Chas. L. Bovard.

Yellowstone District.

Charge	Regular	Emergency	Total
Alzada	\$ 200	\$	\$ 200
Ashland	200	300	500
Baker	400	100	500
Big Timber	150	150	300
Bloomfield	200	300	500
Clyde Park	150	150
Comanche	150	350	500
Edwards	500	500
Fairview	100	200	300

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Forsyth	100	100	200
Fishtail Circuit	200	200
Hardin	400	100	500
Joliet	600	600
Ingomar	100	300	400
Lake Basin	100	100	200
Laurel	400	100	500
Park City	175	125	300
Red Lodge	100	.....	100
Richey	250	250	500
Roberts .....	.....	150	150
Sidney .....	.....	200	200
Sioux Pass	100	200	300
Wibaux	200	100	300
District Superintendent	175	100	275
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	\$3600	\$4575	\$8175

Approved by Edward Smith.

I concur,

RICHARD J. COOKE.

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	\$4250	\$4250	\$ 8500

Approved by Chas. L. Bovard.

Yellowstone District.

Charge	Regular	Emergency	Total
Alzada	\$ 200	\$	\$ 200
Ashland	200	300	500
Baker	400	100	500
Big Timber	150	150	300
Bloomfield	200	300	500
Clyde Park	150	150
Comanche	150	350	500
Edwards	500	500
Fairview	100	200	300

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Forsyth	100	100	200
Fishtail Circuit	200	200
Hardin	400	100	500
Joliet	600	600
Ingomar	100	300	400
Lake Basin	100	100	200
Laurel	400	100	500
Park City	175	125	300
Red Lodge	100	.....	100
Richey	250	250	500
Roberts .....	.....	150	150
Sidney .....	.....	200	200
Sioux Pass	100	200	300
Wibaux	200	100	300
District Superintendent	175	100	275
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	\$3600	\$4575	\$8175

Approved by Edward Smith.

I concur,

RICHARD J. COOKE.

VI

Daily Proceedings

FIRST DAY, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20th, 1919.

Opening. The Thirty-third Session of the Montana Annual Conference convened in the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Glendive, Wednesday, August 20. At 8:30 the devotions were conducted by Bishop Cooke, who read the third chapter of the Epistle to the Ephesians, and spoke on "The Purpose of the Church in Creation." The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by the Bishop, assisted by District Superintendents Smith and Bovard, the pastor, J. G. Ross, and Charles D. Crouch.

Organization. Roll Call. The Assistant Secretary of the previous Conference called the roll, and the following responded: Effective Elders: Paul M. Adams, Thos. H. Barker, E. C. Bartlett, Chas. L. Bovard, W. H. Calvert, G. M. Carter, Harry M. Cooper, Charles D. Crouch, C. E. Cunningham, Charles Donaldson, F. C. Fulford, Thomas Hardie, H. A. James, F. O. Kelley, Jesse Lacklen, T. H. Martin, George Mecklenburg, Thomas Miller, Wilder Nutting, W. A. Parkinson, W. H. Pascoe, Charles Rhodes, John G. Ross, Edward Smith, R. P. Smith, W. C. Smith, F. T. Spencer, E. D. Swisher, A. D. Welch, George D. Wolfe, Charles F. Wolfe. Supernumerary: F. O. Linger. Retired: Jacob Mills, John Hosking. Undergraduates: Louis Ortmyer, Aden T. Peck, Ira F. Rankin, A. E. Plummer.

Charles Rhodes was elected Secretary and named as his assistants Thomas Hardie and F. T. Spencer.

For Statistician F. C. Fulford was elected and he named for assistants, Thomas Miller, W. C. Smith and A. E. Plummer.

Fred Whitford was named Treasurer, and he chose as his assistant, E. D. Swisher.

Thomas Hardie, who at the last Conference was elected Auditor, asked to be relieved of the office, and Paul M. Adams was elected in his place.

Changes in Conference Committees. The Conference Committees were re-elected with the following changes: Board of Church Location and Erection, Butte District, T. H. Barker in place of A. D. Welch; Yellowstone District, A. D. Welch took the place of T. H. Barker.

Standing Committees:

Hospitals, R. P. Smith in place of George Mecklenburg.

Temperance, H. L. Blair dropped.

Epworth League, Godfrey Kopriva dropped.

Publishing the Minutes, Charles Rhodes in place of Jno. M. Whiteley.

Auditing, A. D. Welch to take the place of G. J. Stevens.

Uniform Method of Church Finance, Charles Donaldson instead of George Mecklenburg.

War Relations Committee was made a **Reconstruction Committee**, and J. G. Ross was named in place of Jno. M. Whiteley.

Delegates to Federal Council, C. L. Bovard in place of L. H. Sweetland.

Postmaster, W. A. Parkinson in place of C. E. Cunningham.

It was decided on motion of C. L. Bovard to refer the matter of expense of the Fraternal delegate to the Northwest Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, to the Corporate Session.

Memorial Session. Edward Smith presided. Hymn 560, "And Are We Yet Alive?" was sung, and H. A. James and J. O. Randall offered prayer. For Sister Hardie, Paul M. Adams read the memoir, and C. L. Bovard and W. H. Pascoe added their tribute. Bishop Cooke spoke of "The land that is fairer than day," and all sung "O, How Sweet It Will Be in That Beautiful Land."

John M. Whiteley. The Conference was bereaved; Brother Whiteley, the Secretary of the last Conference, and the expected host of this Conference, had passed on before. John G. Ross, his successor at Glendive, paid a fitting tribute; Thos. Hardie read a memoir; Charles D. Crouch, the Superintendent of the deceased for four years, and Chaplain F. O. Kelley spoke feelingly.

J. O. Randall read the memoir of Helen Lacklen, and Charles Rhodes one of Charles H. Barker. John Hosking spoke of the passing of the pioneer, Robert M. Craven, who came to Montana in 1863.

Bar of Conference. The bar of Conference was fixed at the first two rows of seats.

Introductions. P. D. Hartman of Stevensville, joint pastor of our Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church South, and J. O. Randall of Billings were introduced. Chaplain Jesse Lacklen and Chaplain F. O. Kelley were welcomed on their safe return from service in Europe.

Centenary. George Mecklenburg was called to the platform to present the Centenary program. He announced that Montana Wesleyan College was to be under the financial management and direction of the Centenary with George Mecklenburg as temporary director. Charles D. Crouch and Paul M. Adams spoke of the condition of the school, which is to be in charge of Professor Lemon as Dean of College. After referring to the great financial victory of the Centenary, Secretary Mecklenburg explained the Evangelistic program, which will engage the attention of the Church this year.

At 12:20, after singing the Doxology, the Bishop pronounced the benediction.

Statistical Session at 2 p. m., the Bishop presiding. J. Chirgwin offered prayer. The roll was called and most of the brethren responded by turning in their reports to the Treasurer and Statistical Secretary.

George Mecklenburg again brought to the attention of the Conference the matter of the Centenary. C. M. Donaldson gave a paper on the "Spiritual Resources of the Church." Lincoln A. Schute gave an address on "The Stewardship Campaign in November." C. F. Wolfe spoke on "Using the Unit System," after which there was a round table discussion. The session adjourned with benediction by F. T. Spencer.

SECOND DAY, TUESDAY, AUGUST 21.

Devotions at 8:30. After singing "Showers of Blessing," R. P. Smith led in prayer. The Bishop read St. Paul's advice to Timothy, and spoke on "Stir Up the Gift That Is In Thee."

The minutes were read and approved.

On motion of Edward Smith, R. P. Smith and George D. Wolfe were added to the Committee on Resolutions.

John Hosking made reference to the death of Frank J. Boylan, formerly of this Conference, and handed in obituary notice for publication.

Introductions. Dr. Samuel J. Greenfield of the Board of Conference Claimants, Everett S. Hammond of the Kimball College of Theology, James Opie of the North Dakota Conference, Mrs. R. J. Cooke, Mrs. C. L. Bovard, and Miss Ida C. Hills of the Butte Deaconess Hospital were introduced to the Conference.

Disciplinary Questions. No. 1. "Is this Conference incorporated?" It is.

No. 2. "Who have been received by transfer and from what Conference?" Joshua O. Randall, Rock River Conference; Russell R. Kletzing, Wyoming State Conference.

No. 14. "Was the character of each preacher examined?" It was in open Conference.

Butte District. The character of C. L. Bovard was passed, and he read his report. (See Report, page 272.)

The characters of the following effective elders and probationers were passed, and their reports made: C. F. Wolfe, G. M. Carter, G. D. Wolfe, H. A. James, F. C. Fulford, H. G. Humphrey, T. H. Barker, Charles Rhodes, W. H. Pascoe, C. M. Donaldson, Charles D. Crouch, W. H. Calvert, A. E. Plummer, Wilder Nutting, C. E. Cunningham and F. T. Spencer.

On motion of C. L. Bovard, the case of C. G. Hannan was referred to the Conference Relations Committee.

Dr. S. J. Greenfield addressed the Conference, representing the Board of Conference Claimants. A draft for \$200 was presented to the Conference, and delivered to the Chairman of the Board of Stewards.

R. H. Hughes, editor of the "Pacific Christian Advocate," addressed the Conference on behalf of the Methodist Book Concern. He handed to the Bishop two drafts, one for \$587, the pro rata of the dividends of the Book Concern, and (for the first time in several years) one from the Chartered Funds, amounting to \$35. These were given to the Chairman of the Board of Stewards, on motion of C. L. Bovard.

Yellowstone District. The character of Edward Smith was passed, and he read his report. (See Report, page 276.)

G. D. Wolfe moved that we do now adjourn, and it was carried. The announcements were made, and J. A. Martin pronounced the benediction at 12 o'clock.

THIRD DAY, FRIDAY, AUGUST 22.

At 8:30 Devotions were conducted by the Bishop. Prayer was offered by Jacob Mills and W. W. Van Orsdel, after which the Bishop gave an address on "The Outside and the Inside." H. G. Humphrey then led in prayer.

Yellowstone District. The characters of the following effective elders and probationers were passed: H. E. Chappell, George Mecklenburg, R. P. Smith, E. D. Swisher, W. A. Parkinson, H. M. Cooper, W. C. Smith, C. E. Fenton, Fred Whitford, O. G. Ponath, T. H. Martin, Thomas Hardie, A. T. Peck, W. G. R. Dann, E. C. Bartlett, A. D. Welch, Thomas Miller.

The characters of the following brethren who have had Special Appointments were passed: Paul M. Adams, John Chirgwin, Edw. L. Mills, G. C. Stull, F. O. Kelley, Jesse Lacklen, J. H. Mitchell, J. G. Ross, L. S. Knightwine, A. C. Hoover.

Question 6. Who have been continued on trial. (a) In studies of first year? Martin VanDemark and A. Trappolini were passed in character and continued in studies of the first year. (b) In studies of second year? L. Ortmyer and Aden T. Peck having completed the studies of the first year, were passed in character and placed in studies of second year. Walter L. Greer and Ira F. Rankin were passed in character and continued in studies of the second year.

Question 7. Who have been discontinued? Fred Anstice and Cecil H. Hannon were discontinued on motion of C. L. Bovard and recommendation of Committee on Conference Relations.

Question 9. What members are in the studies of the third year? (b) Admitted into full membership previously? On motion of C. L. Bovard the case of W. H. Calfee was referred to his District Superintendent and the Bishop.

The character of A. C. Hoover was passed on motion of C. L. Bovard and he was continued in studies of the third year.

Question 10. On motion of J. A. Meeke, A. E. Plummer was advanced from the studies of the third year to the fourth year. H. E. Chappell was passed in character and advanced to the studies of the fourth year on condition that he complete the studies of the third year.

Question 11. What members have completed the Conference course of study? (a) Elected and ordained elders this year? Archibald E. Plummer, having completed the course of study, was graduated, and on motion of C. L. Bovard was elected to elder's orders.

Question 14. Was the character of each preacher examined? It was, in open Conference.

On motion of the Secretary the assessment for minutes was made on the basis of five mills per dollar of cash salary, 600 copies ordered printed, the printed minutes to be the official Journal of the Conference.

Introductions. Dr. O. S. Baketel, editor of the General Minutes and Year Book; Dr. W. D. McDowell, Secretary of the Church Extension Department of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, were introduced.

Deaconess Work. Rev. John Chirgwin presented the Report of the Montana Deaconess School, which on motion of Charles D. Crouch was adopted. Miss Roxanna Beck, principal of the school, was introduced; also J. A. Martin of the North Montana Conference, who spoke on the Deaconess work.

On motion of C. L. Bovard Saturday morning following the reading of the minutes was set as the Order of the Day for the consideration of Memorials, and the vote on the proposed amendment to the Constitution.

The Order of the Day was called and the Conference proceeded to the election of delegate to the General Conference. W. H. Calvert and A. E. Plummer were named tellers to assist the Secretary. The members prepared their ballots for delegate. Edward Smith was elected on the second ballot with a vote of 21 out of a total of 40 cast. On motion of Charles D. Crouch the Secretary was ordered to cast a ballot making the election unanimous.

The Conference then proceeded to vote for alternate. Charles D. Crouch was elected on the first ballot by a vote of 28 out of 39 cast. On motion, the Secretary was ordered to cast a ballot making the election unanimous.

The Methodist Book Concern was thanked for the donation of voting tablets.

The Report of Board of Conference Stewards was read by J. A. Meeke, and it was adopted. (See Report.)

Charles D. Crouch moved that steps be taken towards the creation of an Endowment Fund for Conference Claimants, and a committee of five consisting of the President of the Board, the two District Superintendents, and Charles E. Avery and William Lindsay, and this was carried.

Charles D. Crouch presented Our Centenary Stewardship program, and urged that attention be given to the four weeks' Stewardship Campaign in November, and the report was adopted.

Geo. D. Wolfe called the attention of the Conference to the illness of Geo. D. King, and moved that every member of the Conference send a message to him on a postal card. This was carried. Charles D. Crouch moved that the Bishop appoint a committee to draft resolutions in case of Geo. D. King. This was carried and Charles D. Crouch, George D. Wolfe and Jacob Mills were named.

On motion of J. A. Meeke, adjournment was fixed at 12:15.

Clarence True Wilson then addressed the Conference on the work of the Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals.

E. C. Bartlett moved that a Special Committee be appointed by the District Superintendents with regard to the efforts which are being made

to legalize prize fights, the Superintendents to report the names on Saturday morning, and this was carried.

F. O. Kelley was excused from further attendance at the Conference.

Announcements were made, and the Session adjourned with the benediction by Clarence True Wilson.

FOURTH DAY, SATURDAY, AUGUST 23.

The Devotions were led at 8:30 by Dr. O. S. Baketel. The minutes were read and approved.

Order of the Day. The Proposed Amendment to the Constitution of the Methodist Episcopal Church admitting lay delegates to the Annual Conference was voted on. Of the 33 votes cast, 27 voted "yes" and 6 voted "no."

Memorials. The Memorial on the Course of Study adopted by the New Jersey Annual Conference was concurred in by a unanimous vote.

Foreign Language Conferences. The Memorial from the Eastern Swedish Conference asking for a Commission to thoroughly study the question of foreign speaking Conferences, was on the motion of George D. Wolfe concurred in.

The memorial from the Wisconsin Conference, and the memorial from the New York East Conference regarding the discontinuance of the Foreign Language Conferences were considered, and on the motion of Jesse Lacklen, the following action was taken: "Appreciating the vital issues concerned in these memorials, and sympathizing with their general purpose, we believe that all interests will be best safeguarded by the procedure proposed in the memorial of the Eastern Swedish Conference."

The memorial from the Newark Conference relative to the **Co-ordination of Home Missionary Agencies** and a **Unification of Administration** for the same, was concurred in; 22 for and 5 against.

The memorial from the Newark Conference with regard to the **methods of making appointments** was not concurred in on motion of John Chirgwin, 25 voting against, the vote being unanimous.

The memorial from Joseph W. VanCleve, General Secretary of the Commission of Finance, petitioning the General Conference for the **creation of one fund** for the six apportioned benevolences and the Centenary fund, was concurred in on the motion of C. L. Bovard, 22 for and 5 against.

A memorial originating from the **National Methodist Hospital Association** to establish a Standing Committee on "Hospitals and Homes for the Aged and Children" to which all matters pertaining to hospitals and the various philanthropies of the Church, was not concurred in, on motion of Charles L. Bovard, the vote standing 19 against and 10 for.

After John A. Martin and W. W. Van Orsdel of the North Montana Conference had been given the privilege of the floor, the memorial of the North Montana Conference, asking for the present plan of **Government with regard to Deaconesses** be retained, was concurred in unanimously.

MEMORIALS TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

The following memorial from the Montana Conference was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, There is a strong feeling that the Deaconess should have greater recognition in the management of Deaconess affairs, and

Whereas, There are three places on the General Deaconess Board to be filled by delegates at large,

Be it resolved, That the Montana Conference go on record as memorializing the General Conference to the effect that these positions be occupied by a Deaconess from one of each of the three forms of Deaconess Administration.

Signed,

R. P. SMITH,
H. G. HUMPHREY,
JOHN CHIRGWIN.

The following memorial presented by A. D. Welch was unanimously adopted:

That this Conference memorialize the General Conference to approve the organization and work of the National Methodist Hospital Association, and that such legislation be enacted as to give it legal standing in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Signed,

A. D. WELCH.

The following memorial from this Conference was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we memorialize the General Conference to create a General Hospital Board whose purpose shall be to encourage hospital interests of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and to create a fund to assist worthy hospital undertakings throughout the said Church.

Signed,

R. P. SMITH.

Charles D. Crouch was called to the Chair, and Dr. Hammond of the Kimball School of Theology addressed the Conference.

On the motion of C. F. Wolfe supplementary action was taken with regard to publishing minutes:

Whereas, a permanent record of the proceedings of each Annual Conference is necessary for the purpose of disseminating knowledge of such proceedings among the laity as well as the ministry,

Therefore, be it Resolved, 1. That the cost of publishing the minutes be apportioned to each pastoral charge at the rate of five mills on each dollar of pastor's cash salary for this year, and for successive years such rate as may be necessary. 2. That the District Superintendents and pastors see that this apportionment be properly presented to the respective charges, and that each pastor bring the amount so apportioned to the Annual Conference, and pay same to the Conference Secretary.

Joint Session. The Bishop resumed the chair. The members of the Lay Electoral Conference were then introduced, and on motion of Edward Smith, the time of adjournment which had been fixed at 11:45 was extended to 12 o'clock.

The President of the Lay Conference, E. E. Collins of Billings, addressed the Conference. F. B. Price, Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions, submitted the resolutions of the laymen. The Bishop then addressed the Joint Session.

George D. Wolfe moved and it was carried that we meet in regular session at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Order of the Day. On motion of Edward Smith, it was decided that the Corporate Session be the order of the day, immediately after the reading of the minutes this afternoon.

Adjournment at 12:30 with benediction by Dr. Baketel.

The regular session of the Conference convened at 3 p. m. with prayer by the Bishop.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The Order of the Day was called for, and the Conference went into **Corporate Session.**

The President of the Board of Trustees of the Conference, S. A. Oliver, being absent through illness, R. P. Smith was called to the chair.

Jacob Mills, the Treasurer, gave his report, which, on the motion of John Hosking, was adopted.

C. L. Bovard moved that the amount due to the Trout Creek Church account (\$121) be turned over to the new Church at White Pine, and this was carried.

Edward Smith moved that the Conference grant a quit claim deed to the property at Ollie; the motion prevailed.

Jacob Mills moved that the funds reported to Bannack Church Fund, Pyretees Church Fund, and Chestnut Church Fund, be placed to the credit of the Permanent Fund for Conference Claimants; motion carried.

Jacob Mills reported that the White Sulphur Springs Church, the disposition of which was placed in his hands, had been taken down by the city authorities without expense to the Conference, and on motion of C. L. Bovard, permission was given to grant a quit claim deed to the parsonage if it can be sold, the proceeds to be turned over to the Conference Claimants.

Jacob Mills reported that the bell belonging to the White Sulphur Springs Church had been placed in the Protestant Episcopal Church without authority, and on motion of John Chirgwin, Jacob Mills was empowered to take the necessary legal steps to recover the bell, and have it shipped to our Church at Three Forks.

Jacob Mills called attention to the fact that he had been paying six per cent rate of interest on the money he held as Treasurer, with a guarantee of the integrity of the funds. He explained how he would be unable to continue this, but was willing to pay five per cent.

The matter of the cemetery at Carlton was then taken up, and on the

motion of John Chirgwin, Jacob Mills and C. L. Bovard were authorized to take steps according to their best judgment.

Relative to the expenses of the Fraternal Delegate to the Methodist Episcopal Church South, it was agreed that this body assume the expense, on motion of C. L. Bovard. (Afterwards it was reported that there were no funds available.)

On nomination, the **Trustees of the Conference** were named as follows: Jacob Mills, Charles D. Crouch, C. M. Donaldson, A. F. Ritz of Helena, and F. B. Price of Butte.

On motion of C. L. Bovard, the Corporate Session adjourned, and the **Regular Session** was resumed.

Question 15. Who have been transferred, and to what Conferences? Godfrey Kopriva, Columbia River; H. L. Blair, Nebraska.

Question 16. Who have died? John M. Whiteley.

Question 17. Who have been located at their own request? None.

Question 18. Who have been located? T. S. Leland, R. T. Westren.

Question 23. Who are supernumerary ministers, and for what number of years consecutively has each held this relation? F. M. Latham (2), F. O. Linger (2), J. A. Meeke (3), G. J. Stephens (2).

On motion of C. L. Bovard, F. M. Latham was requested to locate next year.

Question 24. Who are the retired ministers? The characters of J. A. Badcon, John Hosking, Andrew Kershaw, George D. King, Jacob Mills, A. P. Morrison, S. A. Oliver, S. E. Snider were passed, and they were continued in the retired relation.

W. H. Calvert was granted a supernumerary relation at his own request. He made reference to his life and ministry, after which all sang "Blest Be the Tie That Binds Our Hearts."

On motion of C. L. Bovard, the Board of Conference Stewards was authorized to pay the \$100 remaining in their hands to Brother Calvert.

George D. Wolfe, on behalf of the committee appointed to draft resolutions in case of **George D. King**, brought in the report, and the Conference paid him the following tribute:

The Montana Annual Conference has heard with deepest regret of the illness of our beloved brother and fellow laborer, George D. King, a charter member of this Conference.

For more than thirty years Dr. King has labored faithfully and heroically in this great Montana, laying with love and care the foundations of our Church in our beloved Treasure State.

We miss his face, his genial greetings, his wise counsels. We humbly pray God to restore him to health and strength speedily, and assure our brother that he has and always will have our warm brotherly love, our sympathy, and our prayers.

Question 25. Who are the Triers of Appeal? Charles D. Crouch, Jacob Mills, R. P. Smith, C. M. Donaldson, E. C. Bartlett.

Question 26. What is the Annual Report of the Conference Board of Home Missions and Church Extension? F. C. Fulford presented the report and it was adopted together with the recommendation of an emergency grant of \$8,825, making the entire appropriation \$16,675.

Question 28. F. C. Fulford, the Statistician, gave his report, and it was adopted.

Question 29. Fred Whitford presented the Conference Treasurer's report and it was accepted.

Question 30. What are the aggregate of the benevolent collections (a) ordered by the General Conference? \$28,358; (b) ordered by the Annual Conference? \$86,623.

Question 31. What are the claims on the Conference Funds? For annuity distribution, 272 years multiplied by the disciplinary rate of \$14.25 per year, \$3,876. For necessitous distribution, \$200. Total, \$4,076.

Question 32. What has been received on these claims? See report.

Question 36. Where shall the next Conference be held? C. F. Wolfe put in nomination Anaconda; Thomas Hardie, Miles City, and C. M. Donaldson, Helena. Helena was accepted, and on the motion of C. F. Wolfe, it was made unanimous.

Reports. The Epworth League report was read by W. H. Pascoe and it was adopted. (See report.)

The Board of Education report was given by George D. Wolfe, and it was accepted. He also read the statement sent by the former President of the College, Leon H. Sweetland.

On motion of Thomas Miller, it was decided to hear the reading of the appointments on Sunday afternoon after the Ordination Service.

John Chirgwin moved that when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet after the presentation of the Deaconess work tonight at 9:15, and this was carried.

J. G. Ross moved and it was carried that on Sunday afternoon after the ordination of elders and reading of appointments, the Conference stand adjourned.

Adjournment with benediction by Jacob Mills.

The Conference was called to order by the Bishop at 9:15. Dr. B. B. B. made an address.

On motion of J. O. Randall it was ordered that the report of the Centenary be printed in the minutes.

Reports. The report of the Auditing Committee was given by W. H. Calvert and it was adopted.

Book Concern report presented by H. M. Cooper and adopted.

C. L. Bovard moved that we pledge ourselves as a Conference to carry

out the plan for the securing of a subscription from each home for the **Messenger**, and it was carried.

Deaconess Board. John Chirgwin gave the report which was adopted.

Stewardship Committee report given by C. F. Wolfe was adopted.

Freedmen's Aid report given by W. H. Pascoe and adopted.

Hospitals report read by A. D. Welch was accepted, and A. D. Welch was appointed a committee of one to prepare a hospital exhibit at the seat of Conference.

Board of Sunday Schools report given by C. M. Donaldson, accepted.

Temperance report offered by F. T. Spencer, and on the motion of R. P. Smith the committee was instructed to add some expression of our condemnation of the use of the cigarette.

Board of Foreign Missions, F. T. Spencer reported, and the report was accepted.

R. P. Smith moved that we adjourn to meet in regular session after the ordination of elders on Sunday afternoon.

Adjournment at 10:25 with benediction by J. Chirgwin.

FIFTH DAY, SUNDAY, AUGUST 24.

An Ordination Service was held at 3 p. m., Archibald E. Plummer being ordained Elder by Bishop Cooke. After this service the Regular Session was resumed.

Minutes read and approved.

On motion of Edward Smith a message of sympathy and appreciation was ordered sent to Sister J. M. Whiteley.

The report of the Committee on **Resolutions** was read by A. D. Welch and it was adopted.

Bishop Cooke then read the **appointments** and the Conference adjourned.

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION

This is to certify that at Glendive, Montana, on August the 24th, 1919, ordained Archibald E. Plummer as Elder in the Church of God, and in accordance with the discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

R. J. COOKE,

Presiding Bishop.

CERTIFICATE

The foregoing is the Official Journal of the Montana Annual Conference the thirty-third session held in Glendive, Montana, August 20-24, 1919.

R. J. COOKE,

Presiding Bishop.

W. AS. RHODES,

Secretary.

VII Lay Electoral Minutes

The Lay Electoral Conference convened in the Congregational Church, Glendive, Montana, August 22, 1919.

Honorable W. H. Lindsay was elected Chairman, and A. H. Gregory Secretary.

Committee on Credentials: F. B. Reynolds, Miss Ida Hills and Carl L. Brattin.

Delegates (With Credentials): Mrs. A. E. Nash, Alhambra; John Phillips, Stevensville; C. E. Avery, Anaconda; F. B. Reynolds, Billings; J. C. Borges, Missoula; L. Wakefield, Forsyth; Mary Linger, Lake Basin; F. W. Gates, Wibaux; Earl B. Hawley, Fairview; Mrs. H. L. Commings, Livingston; W. H. Lindsay, Glendive; Gertrude Switzer, Clyde Park; F. B. Price, Butte; Miss Mary Eva Foster, Helena; Mrs. J. E. Midgett, Ingomar; A. H. Gregory, Miles City; Carl L. Brattin, Sidney.

Motion to accept report of Committee on Credentials carried.

Committee on Order of Business: C. E. Avery, F. W. Gates, Miss Mary Eva Foster.

Motion to accept report of Committee on Order of Business carried.

Motion carried to seat Mrs. H. G. Humphrey and Mrs. E. D. Swisher without credentials.

The Election of Lay Electoral Delegate: C. E. Avery, 10 votes; E. E. Collins, 7 votes; Mrs. Jacob Mills, 2 votes.

Motion carried that the vote for Mr. C. E. Avery be unanimous.

Election of Reserve Lay Electoral Delegate: E. E. Collins, 7 votes; Carl L. Brattin, 2 votes.

Motion carried that E. E. Collins, Reserve Lay Electoral Delegate be made unanimous.

A roll call vote resulted 19 ayes and no nays in favor of amendment to admit laymen into the Annual Conference.

A. H. GREGORY, Secy.

MINUTES OF THE LAY ASSOCIATION HELD AT GLENDIVE, MONT.,

AUGUST 22 AND 23, 1919.

The Conference was called to order by the President, E. E. Collins, at 9:45 a. m., August 22.

Prayer by the President; vocal solo, Mrs. L. Remfrey; address of welcome, Hon. W. H. Lindsay; response, Judge F. B. Reynolds.

Motion by C. E. Avery and carried by a unanimous vote, that all laymen present be elected as members of the Lay Association.

Delegates present: Miss Mary Eva Foster, Helena; L. Wakefield, Forsyth; John Phillips, Stevensville, Mrs. Harry M. Cooper, Fairview; F. W. Gates, Wibaux; Mrs. Edward C. Bartlett, Red Lodge; Mrs. Anna E. Nash, Alhambra; Mrs. J. E. Midgett, Sumatra; Mrs. F. O. Linger, Lake Basin; J. C. Borges, Missoula; Mrs. Fred O. Kelly, Billings; E. E. Collins, Billings; F. B. Reynolds, Billings; W. H. Lindsay, Glendive; Carl L. Brattin, Sidney; Miss Gertrude Switzer, Clyde Park; Earl B. Hawley, Fairview; C. E. Avery, Anaconda; R. W. Marks, Baker; A. H. Gregory, Miles City; F. B. Price, Butte; Miss Ida Hills, Butte; Mrs. H. L. Commings, Livingston; Mrs. H. G. Humphrey, Dillon; Mrs. E. D. Swisher, Bridger.

On motion the chair appointed the following committees:

Committee on Nominations—A. H. Gregory, F. B. Reynolds, Miss Mary E. Foster, Mrs. H. L. Commings, Mrs. Anna E. Nash.

Committee on Resolutions—H. Gruell, F. B. Price, Gertrude Switzer, C. E. Avery, Mrs. Moore Eyer.

Motion by W. H. Lindsay prevailed by a unanimous vote that we endorse the proposed amendment granting laymen equal representation in the Annual Conference. Address on "Cost of Living" by Rev. Mr. Briton.

At 2 p. m., August 22, President E. E. Collins called meeting to order and asked J. C. Borges to take the chair.

Address on "Prohibition" by Dr. Wolfe; paper on "My Duty as a Layman in the Church of Today" by C. E. Avery; address on "The Centenary Program" by Dr. Schutz; address on "Superannuated Ministers" by Rev. S. J. Greenfield; address on "Methodist Book Concern" by Robert Hughes; address on "Kimball School of Theology" by Dr. E. S. Hammond; reading, Mrs. L. B. Foreman.

On motion duly carried, the Committee on Incorporation was continued and the papers of incorporation laid on the table.

Report of Treasurer read and accepted.

Saturday, August 23, 9:30 a. m., session called to order by the President. Opened with song and prayer. Report of delegates. Duet, Mr. and Mrs. Clark. Reading, Mrs. L. B. Foreman. Report from Committee on Resolutions adopted. Report from Committee on Nominations adopted. On motion the Centenary Stewardship program was endorsed.

Officers elected for following year as follows: President, E. E. Collins, Billings; First Vice President, J. C. Borges, Missoula; Second Vice President, Miss Mary Eva Foster, Helena; Secretary, A. H. Gregory, Miles City; Treasurer, Carl L. Brattin, Sidney.

Eleven a. m., adjourned to meet in joint session with Ministerial Conference.

A. H. GREGORY, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

We, your Committee on Resolutions, beg leave to submit the following resolutions:

Whereas, during these days of reconstruction, we realize that it is of the utmost importance to keep the church efficient, and

Whereas, the education and preparation for the ministry is more exacting and expensive than ever before, making it necessary for the successful minister to keep abreast of the times by reading the daily press, the lead-

ing church periodicals, and the current literature of the day, all publications have increased in price, and

Whereas, the cost of living has increased 100% in the last four years while there has been very little increase, and in many cases no increase whatever, in the salaries paid our ministers, and

Whereas the ability of our people to pay has been largely advanced through the increase of wages to laborers, and the increase in all farm products, and

Whereas, this increase in the needs of the family as represented by the cost of living and in the increase in the ability of our people to pay ought to result in a corresponding increase in the salaries of our preachers. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That we recommend that all salaries of \$2000.00 or less ought to be increased to an amount approximating an advance of one hundred dollars per year since 1915, and that in salaries of over \$2000.00, such increase is advisable as may be required by the increased cost of living.

Resolved further, That as laymen of the church upon whom the responsibility for the maintenance of an efficient ministry largely depends, we recommend that the minimum amount of cash salary paid any preacher who gives all of his time to ministerial work shall be \$1200.00 per annum, and we pledge ourselves to use our utmost endeavor to bring every pastoral charge up to this suggested minimum.

We hereby endorse the every member canvass as the most efficient means of raising the current expenses of the local church, and suggest that each pastoral charge place its church on this firm financial footing at the very beginning of the conference year.

While we as a church believe in all healthful exercise, and are glad to see that more consideration is given to the exercises of children in public schools and to encourage play grounds in every community for the normal development of their bodies, we are forced to believe that the so-called boxing law which is to be voted on by the commonwealth of Montana in November, 1920, is a movement to re-introduce prize fighting under a misnomer, and that the influence of this measure will be demoralizing to the state, and we hereby pledge ourselves to do all in our power to defeat the same and ask the co-operation of the pastors to this end.

Whereas, prohibition has been written into the constitution of the state by a large majority, and

Whereas, we hear evidence of bootlegging and illicit manufacture of intoxicating liquors, and

Whereas, such business is now outlawed in this state, and all persons engaged therein are outlaws, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we commend all efforts of the officers of the law, federal, state and local, to enforce the provisions without fear or favor. We believe the citizenship of Montana has been raised to a higher plane and that the people are demanding more vigilance on the part of the officers charged with law enforcement.

We believe the Centenary has been inspired of God, and rejoice in the financial success of the movement thus far advanced, and we pledge the laity of the Montana Conference to assist our pastors in increasing the

membership of our church and conserving the young life of our Sunday Schools, Epworth Leagues, and congregations.

Whereas, a record of the proceedings of each Annual Conference is necessary, we endorse the action of the ministers, that the amount necessary for publishing the minutes be apportioned to the various charges.

We extend our sympathy to our members in the drouth-stricken district of this Conference and commend them for their self-sacrifice in making such generous contributions to our church and to the Centenary movement.

Our Deaconess School, the Montana Wesleyan College, and all our Deaconess Hospitals over the state are commended to our members, and we solicit their prayers and financial help. We rejoice in the great and good work that these institutions are doing, and wish to call attention to the fact that Montana has more Deaconess Hospitals than any other state in the Union. The new hospital at Butte deserves special mention this year. Many charges are helping already, and we hope that others will go and do likewise.

We appreciate the courtesy and kindness of Bishop Cooke in the administration of his difficult office and in solving the many hard problems that he has to deal with in presiding over the Annual Conference, and we pray God's blessing and guidance in the appointment of ministers to the various charges.

We appreciate the hospitality of the good people in general, and the pastor and members of the Glendive Methodist Episcopal Church in particular, for the many courtesies extended during our brief stay among them, and for the royal entertainment furnished during the Conference, and desire to take this occasion to extend our sincere thanks and wish them God's speed in their church work, and hope that our coming into their midst will encourage them to greater efforts and more zeal during the coming years, and the benefits received will be mutual to both guests and hosts.

We also wish to thank the management of the Chautauqua for the very generous offer to attend the entertainment on Saturday, August 23, in the afternoon. Also extend our thanks to the pastor and members of the Congregational Church of Glendive for the use of their church, and especially to those who so pleasingly entertained the Lay Conference with music and readings.

We also wish to extend our thanks to the local press and the Montana State press for the generous writeups they have given the ministerial and layman's conferences held this year.

Thanking God for the good work we have accomplished during the past year, let us push on during the coming year and express the hope and prayer that our efforts will be crowned with greater success than ever before.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

F. B. PRICE,
MISS GERTRUDE SWITZER,
C. E. AVERY,
JOHN PHILLIPS,
Committee.

VIII

Reports

(a) FROM DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS.

BUTTE DISTRICT

Bishop and Brethren:

This year has been memorable in many ways—ecclesiastically and otherwise. It marked the culmination of our Centenary celebration, and the initiation of what will prove of still greater significance—the world-wide program for evangelism. In our national affairs, the pall of war was lifted by the hasty surrender of our enemy and the signing of the armistice on the eleventh day of November, and since that time our soldier boys have been returning to their homes and churches to the joy of all. We must note, however, that not all have returned. Some have their graves in the soil of stricken France, and others lie among the coral beds of the Atlantic. Close upon the heels of war came the terrible scourge of influenza—exactng greater toll than the war itself. Closing orders were issued from our boards of health and to all appearances it seemed that our year's work must be seriously crippled. For awhile it looked as if our Centenary movement itself might be forestalled. But after from four to eight weeks our churches were again opened and we were not slow in getting back to our normal activities. But later in the year we were brought to the realization of one of the most serious drouths that has ever fallen to the lot of our Montana state. But for this last visitation we should have excelled any previous record with our financial showing. As it is we hope to have creditable reports.

I will now proceed to give as briefly as possible a few of the more outstanding features of the year's work.

I. The Centenary Campaign.

Beginning early in the year, our district laid its plans for a successful prosecution of the full Centenary program. And in spite of the influenza and other drawbacks, we had a 90% attendance at our district and sub-district meetings. These meetings were followed up by the organization of the charges in most cases with commendable promptness. Wherever for any reason there was delay in this organization the closing days of the campaign revealed the weakness by an accumulation of difficulties. Although our five-year quota seemed exceptionally large—\$158,000 for our district—we were able to surpass it by about \$31,000. Of our 30 charges all met their full quotas excepting six. And these have not given up the hope of going over soon, thus making our district 100% efficient. In this connection I desire to speak a word of appreciation of our leaders. Our resident Bishop, when not called from the Area by assignment elsewhere, was a great force with his stirring appeals for world vision and re-

construction. Closely associated with our Area Secretary, George Mecklenburg, I want to bear testimony to his patient and persistent labors. Under his executive foresight and direction we were furnished the very best helpers available. It required great attention to details to carry out plans so new and intricate. It was well done in our district, and we believe in all the districts.

II. Changes in the Pulpit Supply.

Soon after Conference adjourned last year, Rev. H. L. Blair appointed to the Stevensville charge, obtained a transfer to the Nebraska Conference. After a careful consideration of the request made by the Stevensville Official Board, our church at that place was placed under the supervision of the Rev. P. D. Hartman, the regularly appointed pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, thus bringing the two churches in Stevensville into close affiliation with joint services alternating between the churches. The quarterly conferences of both churches have unanimously requested the continuance of this arrangement for another year. The Centenary quotas for both churches were oversubscribed, and all the interests have been cared for with great fidelity and absolute impartiality by Brother Hartman.

What was known as Stevensville circuit was placed under the pastoral care of the Rev. Aquilla Lucas, who, by a faithful visitation from house to house, has witnessed to the gospel's saving power to all who would hear. His remuneration save the small missionary appropriation has been a mere pittance. He has held services regularly at Lolo, and at other points as often as occasion presented.

Shortly after conference adjourned last year the Rev. Godfrey Kopriva, our pastor at Twin Bridges, was permitted to transfer to the Puget Sound Conference, and the Rev. Robert R. Kletzing, from the Wyoming State Conference was appointed to the Twin Bridges charge. Owing to the closing orders on account of the influenza he was much hindered in getting his work under headway. But at present the Twin Bridges people are wide awake over a big community program that Brother Kletzing is engineering.

After Conference we made every possible effort to secure a pastor for Big Blackfoot circuit, but without avail. The best we could do was to place the work under the care of our pastor at Drummond with such occasional services as we could give from other preachers who might be occasionally passing that way. At present I think the problem is solved and we shall be able to have regular services in this big valley. Its inaccessibility and severe winters are the chief drawback.

The Lima circuit was placed under the pastoral care of the pastor at Dillon who has held services at considerable expense of time and labor monthly at the larger places in the upper valley. The Dillon pastorate, however, is so important and its duties are so exacting that we must not require this arrangement any longer than it shall be possible to secure a supply for this big field.

III. Debts, Building and Improvements.

A small debt that was resting on our Superior Parsonage was taken in hand by our pastor there, Dr. Simes, and paid in full. St. Ignatius, Brother Tester, pastor, has met its annual payments on our only remaining obligation in the district to the Board of Church Extension. Our largest enterprise in debt-paying was consummated at Three Forks led by our pastor there, Wilder Nutting. When appointed to this charge two years ago the situation, well known to all of us, was extremely critical. The members of this conference had become security for a note of \$1,000 to save the church. In round numbers, the debt was \$4,200. Nothing daunted, Brother Nutting went to work to clear this debt. The generous attitude of the board at Philadelphia lightened the burden considerably. But to Brother Nutting's tenacity of purpose and unremitting efforts, must be ascribed the praise under God's direction for this admirable piece of work. There is not now one dollar resting against our Three Forks property. I think that cancelled note with its list of signatures—about five-sixths of our entire conference membership, should be kept in our archives.

The church building, which was begun some two years ago, at Whitepine, a point on our Thompson Falls charge, Brother Plummer pastor, was this year brought to completion, and dedicated by the District Superintendent, Dr. Jacob Mills. Rev. F. E. Dodds, former pastor, and the pastor, Rev. A. E. Plummer. It is a fine structure, 26x40 feet in dimensions. Whitepine is merely a railroad station so far as the town goes; but the surrounding country contains many princes and princesses. A small loan is asked from the Church Extension for the purpose of completing the work in the matter of painting and decoration. The achievement reflects great credit upon Brother Plummer and his associates.

The good people of Oakes Street, Helena, led by their pastor, Rev. W. L. Pascoe, have almost completed a \$4,000 addition to their church building. This consists of a fine cement basement and an "L" adjunct with a tower, and almost doubles the capacity of the building.

Beside the above major building and improvement projects, I could mention many more of a minor character. A new furnace and decorations in the St. Paul's parsonage; a much desired bathroom and fixtures were added to the Sheridan parsonage—and other excellent improvements that I cannot just now recall.

During the year our work in Butte has taken steps to occupy two strategic centers on the south side. The old Silver Bow church building was found to be wholly inadequate for the Sunday School and congregation, so under the leadership of the pastor, Rev. F. C. Fulford, a new site, near the Deaconess Hospital, was purchased—three full sized lots—and the preliminary steps have been taken for a new structure. Last spring, Brother James, pastor of the Trinity Church, asked to be given release for two days in the week in order to set in motion a long discussed plan for providing the people in Floral Park addition with a church. He was assisted by the Rev. John A. Smith, and as a result of their combined labors, we have a fine location, central to the population, consisting of three lots. Over a year ago, our Sunday School was started at the home of the Rev. E. Grant Smith in this rapidly growing suburban addition. Our Board of

Trustees are strong and representative men, and with the aid of the Centenary funds, we should be able to build up a strong church in this locality.

At this point we might add a word as to the plans for the Italian work in Butte. After exhausting our resources in trying to secure a pastor from our Italian Conferences and missions, and a conference with our pastors in Butte, we appointed the Rev. John A. Smith and his wife to have charge of that work. A lot with a clear title has been secured, and the subscription is under way to erect a temporary building on one side of this lot, in order to have some place in which to house our Italian congregation and Sunday School. When we have this vantage position, we shall hope soon to build permanently and adequately for a real Mission station. The department of cities and foreign population has given us much encouragement.

IV. Our Conference Institutions in This District.

There are three of these, the Montana Wesleyan College and the Montana Deaconess School for Boys and Girls, both located at Helena, and the Deaconess Hospital located at Butte. The Deaconess School has enjoyed a most prosperous year, with a full quota of pupils and many applicants turned away with no room. Miss Beck and her assistants were successful in getting the school through the flu epidemic with but little serious sickness. A big improvement program was launched that will cost in the neighborhood of \$5,000 and greatly improve the comfort and efficiency of the building. The field agent, Rev. John Chirgwin, has reached his first great objective, viz., the removal of our ancient and galling indebtedness. It is quite apparent that, at the earliest date possible, we shall be obliged to get behind a building project for the boys and girls who are flocking to this deservedly popular institution.

Through the Messenger columns and the various bulletins issued from time to time, the affairs of the Montana Wesleyan College have been fairly well placed before you and will need but a few words from me. The enrollment last year broke all preceding records. The Student Army Training Corps as it turned out was far from an asset to the school. The construction of the dormitory has been the one big outstanding work for the year. This is now approaching completion—will be ready for occupancy at the opening of the school year as advertised. The cost including furnishings will reach nearly \$115,000. The repeated drouths and numerous crises have made the collection of money for this worthy cause very difficult. With almost broken health, President Sweetland tendered his resignation for the second time to the board at a recent meeting. With great reluctance it was accepted, and Prof. A. C. Lemon was elected Dean and given charge of the school proper, while the business side was placed temporarily in charge of George Mecklenburg and the Centenary office. This associates our school more closely than ever with the general church, and already things financial are doing as you will hear more definitely later. Dr. Crouch as President of the Board of Trustees, and Rev. C. M. Donaldson, Chairman of the Executive Committee, have been untiring in their labors for the welfare of the institution.

The Butte Deaconess Hospital has made splendid progress during its first year's existence. Miss Ida Hills, Superintendent, reports number of cases treated, 572; deaths, 48; births, 48, and receipts of \$2,582.58 more than the disbursements. Total receipts for the year, \$23,232.59. There was given free treatment during the year to the sum of \$1,516.11. Brethren of the Conference, I leave it to your own judgment whether this institution is not worthy of your devotion and support. Miss Hills will doubtless bring her message to you at some time during the Conference, and if not now convinced you will be fully so after hearing her.

V. Inter-Church Movements and Co-operation Among the Churches.

A movement among our Protestant churches for a better understanding of our aims, and a more hearty co-operation in plans and work are in a fair way to be achieved. The Home Missions Council is a most excellent organization for effecting this end. It adheres strictly to the evangelization ends. Ecclesiastical plans and ambitions are of secondary consideration. The only question is: Are the people being reached with the gospel. And do the occupants of a field give adequate service to the people? And these are vital questions that should arrest the sympathetic attention of all of us.

The recent survey that was made in our state considering the little time given to it, and the novelty of the experiment, has proven what might be done under more favorable circumstances.

And now conscious of the defects of this report, but without the time to correct them, I must ask your kind indulgence. There are details that I should long to give in connection with each charge and each pastor. Especially would I like to commend the pastors for their fidelity to the great Centenary movement. I could call the roll of my entire district and write here after every name. Some got into the movement a little earlier than others—but all were in at the finish.

Just a word personal and I am done. The homes of the pastors have been opened to me and I have been made to feel most welcome. May God reward these homes, and to each member that contributed to make my work pleasant and kindly ministered to me, God bless you.

CHARLES L. BOVARD, Dist. Supr.

YELLOWSTONE DISTRICT.

Bishop and Brethren of the Conference:

We have shared together the toils and triumphs of another year. Joys and sorrows mutually shared have knit our hearts in the fellowship of common experiences. Best and sweetest has been the fellowship in the kingdom of Redeeming Grace under our common Master.

My association with the ministry and laity of the district has been choice indeed. Through divine mercy we have shared richly together both opportunity and responsibility. We have not been spared the ravages time inevitably brings in its wake.

Three times we have been sorely smitten. In December the stroke fell upon Miles City Parsonage. The wife of our pastor, Thomas Hardie, ceased from her full life of abounding service. In April the call was to

our Brother John M. Whiteley, pastor at Glendive and Secretary of our Conference. Lastly, the home of our Brother Chaplain Jesse Lacklen was stricken in the going of little Helen soon after the return of her father from his regiment in France. In our memorial services suitable notices have been given and will be properly preserved in our records.

Throughout the district we bore a weight of sore affliction by the dread scourge influenza. Our parsonage homes were not excepted. Our pastors performed excessive duties by day and by night imposed upon them by sickness and by death, going often by call of others when their own physical condition and that of their families was serious.

A more pleasing record is that of births in pastors' homes. These were at Wilsall, Thomas Miller and wife, parents; Richey, F. W. Peters and wife, parents; Lake Basin, F. O. Linger and wife, parents.

Pastoral forces are increasingly difficult to keep up to point of need. Gaps by war, by sickness and by removals have been difficult to fill. Our Billings pastor, George Mecklenburg, was called to Area Secretarial duties. Dr. J. O. Randall of DeKalb, Ill., was appointed. F. O. Linger, who, last Conference, was granted supernumerary relation, was early in the year appointed to supply Lake Basin. Ingomar, left to be supplied, was put under the care of our Forsyth pastor, W. C. Smith. Likewise Alzada under our Baker pastor, H. E. Chappell.

T. L. McCutcheon, supplying Big Timber and Reed Point, was physically unable to finish his year. Chaplain Jesse Lacklen of the A. E. F. became available and took this field for Sunday services. C. E. Fenton of Hardin was seriously hindered in his work by illness the latter portion of the year. The work was maintained by assistance from various sources. J. H. Dill, released from Y. M. C. A. work at Camp Lewis, was appointed to Clyde Park in midyear. He did not stay to the close of the year. A combination of unhappy circumstances caused him to relinquish the field. P. B. Fritch, supplying Ashland and Birney, discontinued his work in midyear. No one was found to take charge. The important field is a standing challenge to some missionary hero. A new thing in frontier church development occurred on this field. For some time we have held lots ready for buildings. In early fall a neat six-room parsonage was erected without church extension aid. The pastor had put in fires preparatory to moving in his family. He had scarcely left the house until by some accident or defect the whole building was ablaze. No fire fighting apparatus was at hand. The people were obliged to stand helplessly by and see all their labors destroyed. No insurance had yet been placed. The people rallied on the day of the fire, planned parsonage No. 2 with improvements over No. 1, and had it finished for the pastor's winter home, without church extension aid and free of debt. Such people are worth looking after. Somebody with energy and vision should ask for this field for they went several times over on Centenary quota and reached top notch on Wesleyan contributions.

Sore drouth has afflicted Yellowstone District in sections for three years past. It is more distressing than ever this year and is general over the field. Stock must be shipped out by the thousand head. Feed and water is wholly exhausted. Many people will be compelled to abandon

their homes temporarily at least. A real drouth famine is on us. But we hear there is corn in Egypt to the east of us. We will need to be tied over for a spell. Many improvements and building projects must be delayed. But Montana has taken a stride all her own. She kept it splendidly through the Centenary campaign and through the Wesleyan dormitory canvass.

With full response to other claims and in face of war, "flu" and drouth some very worthy forward movements have been made. The fine new hospital building at Bozeman is to be ready for occupancy this fall. Its financial burden will not be alarming. A very noteworthy achievement was the taking over the Sidney Hospital from a local private corporation to become a Montana Deaconess institution. Despite drouth discouragements a subscription of \$25,000.00 was procured. Our Sidney pastor, A. D. Welch, planned well. Laymen stood loyally by his plan. Brother John Chirgwin and President Sweetland with others too numerous to mention did fine service in the undertaking. The Deaconesses are in charge. Expenses are more than being met. Our eastern frontier is strongly fortified by this achievement in Sidney, a vital center. An adequate new church must come next as soon as normal conditions from drouth return.

In Fairview on the Montana-Dakota line a substantial addition has been built to our church. This is in the drouth belt. A sweeping revival under leadership of the pastor, H. M. Cooper, increased all church activity to the point where more room was imperative. Wibaux, also on our eastern border, has erected and equipped a fine new church. A newly acquired five-room parsonage is by its side. The property is in the center of town on main street and on the court house square. The old site to the south edge of town is still our property. The new quarters is the crowning achievement of a five-year pastorate of Rev. A. L. Hurlburt.

A neat little building has been dedicated at Alzada in the extreme southeast of the state. This region is very inaccessible. The field is loudly for a man. We once begged for money for these fields. Our plea now is "O, for men."

Forsyth rallied bravely from her wreckage by flood of last year. Her wrecked church basement has been rebuilt. Paint has transformed the exterior. Things are different. The financing was masterfully done by the pastor, W. C. Smith.

We greatly need additional working equipment in churches and parsonages. We also greatly need additional working forces. We greatly need the Billings hospital finished up and opened up. We must grapple with this problem. The Centenary campaign of the past year has taught us much. The part taken by Yellowstone district was a noble part as shown in a 25 per cent overplus on the financial side. A like intensity and concentration of all energies to the program of evangelism and life service for the present year will get us far on in matter of present needs of material equipment and man power. We have access to the inexhaustible source, God's eternal throne.

The whole world, materially speaking, has undergone radical change. The spiritual world is the acknowledged responsible agency for this change.

This is no time, therefore, to stand aloof in surprise but a time to follow up the advantage with great tact and wisdom. We have money and have proven it can be gotten, speaking of course in general terms. In many instances an upward revision of pastoral support must be seriously considered. We are confident visiting laymen will take note. Our next serious move must be to the end that conference claimant needs be met on a 100 per cent basis. This session of our Conference might well take special steps to this end.

This report should notice a religious movement within the state of much hope. The Home Missions Council assembled representatives of the local work and representatives of the home boards of several leading Protestant denominations in the month of July. Substantial progress was made toward gospelizing remote fields. Allocation of responsibility was encouraging to all concerned. I shall ask the Conference to authorize releasing an old residence and lots we have in Ekalaka to the Congregational Church. We have had no active work here in years, notwithstanding the hard effort of former times. Our Alzada field is very inaccessible except from Ekalaka. We have a building but very little in organized work at Alzada. The Yellowstone District Superintendent might arrange for the care of this field by the Congregational brethren and in turn care for certain of their local work adjacent to points we are already working. Something of this order seems to be the coming program.

In our session of a year ago we were stunned by the thought of possible disasters and horrors in the greatest of world wars. Several of our pastors were in uniform at the front. Many sons of our parsonages and Christian homes had responded to the nation's call. At this session we acknowledge a rift in the dark cloud and a new ray of light is upon a chastened world. We welcome home our loved ones with almost an envy in our hearts for those who paid the supreme price of devotion. We are in the perplexities and vexations of a reconstruction period. The Kingdom of Righteousness shines forth in clear and splendid ray. The church, the Bride of the Lamb, is vindicated anew. The master hand of her leadership was never so evident. A serene soul, a calm faith and a diligent hand is the call of the hour. It is God's day, and "Jesus calls us o'er the tumult."

Our Sunday School and League work must be taken seriously. Conditions require no less. From the Superintendent's viewpoint we have long insisted on a special Sunday School worker under our general board. The Superintendent of Butte District advised the same in his last year's report. We now report very favorable signs for this additional force. It has been long apparent that our State League Convention would need adjustment in a territory so large. The State Convention at Billings in July moved toward institute work. This may be well but the local chapter determines the strength of the League. The local chapter should be re-emphasized by every church of Yellowstone District.

In a final paragraph I feel the poverty of words to express convictions and impressions deeply felt in the soul of each of us.

We must make CENTENARY more than a spectacle or wish it had never been born.

We say quite readily, and perhaps without feeling the serious grip of

fact, that the world is in unrest. We would be nearer the truth to say the unrest has become a deep, ominous rumble throughout civilization and is even now loud in our own land. This should startle the church to keen alertness. The church's common interest and her baffling foes alike reveal the need of unified christendom. With the lessons of allied military unity and a league of nations now in birth throes, we find Methodism's chief bodies after two quadrenniums of negotiations still apart. Meanwhile race riots, financial, social and industrial selfishness are no portent of the Master's consummated kingdom.

Our general church statistics, our own Conference statistics, including what immigration gives us, are not reviewed with strong confidence.

A ministry may yet be required in which total abandon, absolute forgetfulness of place, creature comforts and salary will be the one pathway to a haven of safety for our race. Our Fall and Spring Conferences will come in quick succession followed by our General Conference now but nine months away. Our Montana work and her institutions are in the maelstrom of the whole. We are happy to have some good things to report. We have declared our faith in God and in the leadership of the church. We have called this "God's Day." We reaffirm the fullness of this confidence. Yet would rejoice more than for all else if we could report a deep spiritual tide intelligently moving multitudes into the kingdom of Christ's redeemed. The efficacy of the cross must be our message in Montana till it appeals. Let it be so without our reckoning the personal cost.

EDWARD SMITH,

District Superintendent.

(b) COMMITTEES AND BOARDS.

APPRECIATION.

It is with great pleasure that this Conference meets in the City of Great Falls, the gateway to Montana, the place where the east and west meet. In this place we are stirred by the memories of what is behind, and by hopes of what is before. Here we are reminded of the struggles of yesterday, the achievements of today and the prospects of tomorrow. It is fitting that the Conference should assemble here on its extreme eastern bounds, that those living here need not feel that it is such a far remove to the heart and hand of the great Conference, and that the Conference itself might know the struggle and loyalty of the citizens here in erecting and providing for the worship of God, and the service of humanity, and a beautiful and adequate church building, and for the home of the pastor and his family such a comfortable and attractive parsonage. And further it is highly fitting that we as members of this Conference should gather here as to a sacred place, for it is in God's acre here, that so many pastors and members of their families do rest from their labors.

As members of this Conference we have come and enjoyed a week of spiritual and physical feasting. And now that the session draws to a close we want in a fitting way to express our appreciation for the cordial reception and kindly treatment during our stay. We thank the officials

and members of this church for the privilege of using the church building for our meetings. We thank the pastor and his esteemed wife, and the various committees for their untiring efforts in securing our entertainment and comfort. We thank the Ladies' Aid Society for the feast of good things set before us at the banquet, and for the gracious hospitality they have given. We thank the citizens for so graciously opening their homes and taking us in as sojourners among them. We thank the business men of the city for their efforts, through the Chamber of Commerce, to make our visit a pleasant one. We thank the newspapers for their kindly aid in furnishing publicity, and we thank the management of the Ellison White Chautauqua System for the courtesy extended to the members of the Conference in the way of complimentary tickets to their entertainment.

This Conference wants also to express its appreciation of the fact that it has been presided over at its last session of the quadrennium by its Resident Bishop, Richard J. Cooke. We appreciate his interest and efforts in behalf of the Area whether present or absent. We feel that by him the affairs of the Conference have been well handled, and his wise counsel has been a safe guide. We also feel that we have been greatly benefited by his inspirational talks and scriptural interpretations, which he has from time to time given. His profound scholarship and eloquent versatility, have afforded great pleasure and profit to all who have been privileged to sit under his teaching. His coming among us has been a blessing, and the marked advance of this Conference during his administration may ever be to him a source of deep satisfaction. We also desire to express our pleasure and appreciation of having with us at this session Mrs. Cooke. And last we want to voice our appreciation of the efforts in behalf of this Conference session, and for our comfort and pleasure while here, of him who extended to us the invitation, who planned for our reception, and who in adding this to his many other labors, expended the last measure of his strength, and literally gave his life in service for his Master and his fellow men. With all due credit given the present pastor of this church, who skilfully has taken up the broken threads of pastoral duties laid down by his predecessor, we want to record this session of the Montana Conference as being the crowning work of the former pastor of this church, saint of God, friend of man, Rev. John M. Whiteley.

GEO. D. WOLFE,
R. P. SMITH,
F. O. LINGER,
O. C. PONATH,
A. D. WELCH.

AUDITING.

We have examined the accounts of the District Superintendents, and of the Treasurer of the Board of Stewards, and find them correct.

W. H. CALVERT,
A. D. WELCH.

BOOK CONCERN.

Inasmuch as the Methodist Book Concern is a highly valuable asset to the church in that it disseminates the highest class literature obtainable anywhere, and in that its profits are diverted to the support of the retired preachers and their families, we, your committee, heartily endorse the work of the said Book Concern, and take this occasion to urge upon pastors and people the advisability of giving it their hearty support.

And inasmuch as the Methodist Book Concern has established a salesroom at Portland, Oregon, where all the publications of the Book Concern can be secured, we recommend that the pastors and people of the Montana Conference purchase their books and other supplies, especially the Sunday School literature, from this Portland salesroom.

The Christian Advocates are the greatest religious family magazines to be found anywhere. We urge our Conference, lay and clerical, to subscribe for one or more of these Advocates, particularly our own Pacific Christian Advocate; that the pastors attempt to put a Pacific Christian Advocate in every home in the Conference, and to this end we endorse the action of the Book Committee and the Centenary Conservation Committee in making October 26 Advocate Sunday, and agree to co-operate with these forces by using the Advocate Day Program "Kingdom News" which will be furnished free in quantities to every pastor.

A. E. PLUMMER,

H. M. COOPER,

W. C. SMITH.

CENTENARY.**Butte District.**

Rev. Charles L. Bovard, District Superintendent.

District Quota, \$172,395; Raised, \$189,447.55 (the six minor benevolences included in all these figures).

Pastoral Charges and Pastors	Quotas	Raised
Anaconda, C. F. Wolfe.....	\$14,570.00	\$17,736.00
Avon & Marysville, C. G. Hannon.....	1,450.00	1,450.00
Big Blackfoot Circuit.....	485.00	1,110.00
Butte: Grace Church, G. M. Carter.....	8,060.00	7,700.00
Italian Mission	960.00	
Mount Bethel & Wesley, T. R. Clarkson.....	3,850.00	1,790.00
Mountain View, G. D. Wolfe.....	24,600.00	27,260.00
Silver Bow, F. C. Fulford.....	885.00	810.00
Trinity, H. A. James.....	6,730.00	4,270.00
Unity, F. C. Fulford.....	5,455.00	5,000.00
Clancy & Jefferson, Ira F. Rankin.....	1,925.00	1,845.00
Dillon, H. G. Humphrey.....	10,010.00	14,537.00
Dillon Circuit (Lima).....	650.00	
Drummond & Hall, T. H. Barker.....	3,920.00	5,670.00
Hamilton & Sula, Chas. Rhodes.....	4,960.00	6,291.20

MONTANA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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Helena: Oakes St., W. H. Pascoe.....	2,810.00	4 216.00
Saint Paul's, C. M. Donaldson.....	18,110.00	24,087.00
Meadow Creek, Louis Ortmyer.....	3,615.00	2,579.50
Missoula, Chas. D. Crouch.....	23,645.00	24,706.65
Philipsburg, W. H. Calvert.....	2,885.00	1,837.60
Manan, W. I. Greer.....	1,525.00	1,600.00
Saint Ignatius, W. S. Tester.....	1,290.00	2,907.50
Sheridan & Ruby, Otho Wise.....	3,920.00	3,530.00
Stevensville, Philip D. Hartman.....	4,885.00	6,507.00
Superior & Alberton, L. E. Simes.....	2,255.00	1,762.50
Thompson Falls & Plains, A. E. Plummer.....	3,850.00	3,976.00
Three Forks, Wilder Nutting.....	3,285.00	2 950.00
Townsend, C. E. Cunningham.....	3,765.00	3,938.50
Twin Bridges, R. R. Kletzing.....	3,850.00	5,236.10
Whitehall, F. T. Spencer.....	2,720.00	2,500.00
Winston, William Koehler.....	1,525.00	1,621.50
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Yellowstone District.

Rev. Edward Smith, District Superintendent.

District Quota, \$135,320; Raised \$143,152.30 (the six minor benevolences included in all these figures).

Pastoral Charges and Pastors	Quotas	Raised
Alzada Circuit		
Angela and Hill Crest, F. M. Cass.....	\$ 305.00	
Ashland & Birney	1,020.00	2,650.00
Baker, H. E. Chappell.....	1,395.00	3,034.00
Big Timber & Reed Point, Jesse Lacklen.....	3,730.00	2,725.00
Billings, J. O. Randall.....	26,985.00	30,014.80
Bloomfield, Frank Peters.....	1,395.00	
Buzeman, R. P. Smith.....	13,225.00	13 225.00
Bridger & Fromberg, E. D. Swisher.....	6,955.00	12,249.00
Brude Park, Jno. H. Dill.....	3,070.00	4,070.00
Mananche Circuit, W. A. Parkinson.....	2,855.00	3,005.00
Harview Circuit, H. M. Cooper.....	2,415.00	2,453.00
Bozsyth, W. C. Smith.....	7,170.00	6,973.00
Endive, J. G. Ross.....	7,825.00	9,612.00
Ordin, C. E. Fenton.....	3,300.00	3,150.00
Antley Circuit, Fred Whitford.....	6,870.00	6,870.00
Gomar Circuit	1,245.00	375.00
Ke Basin, F. O. Linger.....		
Laurel & Joliet, O. G. Ponath.....	4,830.00	5,000.00
Livingston, T. H. Martin.....	8,845.00	9,200.00
Boles City, Thos. Hardie.....	10,090.00	12,371.00
Boz City, A. T. Peck.....	1,905.00	250.00
Boz Creek, W. G. R. Dann.....	4,975.00	5,193.00
Boz Lodge, E. C. Bartlett.....	4,675.00	9,263.00

Richey Circuit, F. M. Peters.....	1,840.00	
Sidney, A. D. Welch.....	3,580.00	4,530.00
Wibaux, A. L. Hurlburt.....	1,680.00	2,480.00
Wilsall, Thomas Miller.....	2,260.00	3,260.00
Fishtail Circuit	880.00	760.00
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CENTENARY STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM.

We, members of the Montana Conference, record as our earnest conviction:

First. That God has not left the financial success of His kingdom to human device or whim, but has provided a definite financial plan for the support of His world program. The only plan He has named in His Book is the plan of the payment of the tithe as the acknowledgement of His ownership and man's stewardship, and additional free-will offerings as He prospers us. By the tithe we understand the tenth of our income, minus business expenses, but not personal and family expenses—that is, the tithe of our increase. This is determined by the same method essentially as the method the Government gives for the determining of the income tax.

Second. We rejoice that in so short a time after the launching of the Centenary Stewardship Campaign, approximately ten per cent of the full resident members of our churches in this Conference have signed the "Methodist Millicen" tithing covenant. We now believe that we should inaugurate an aggressive campaign to secure the other nine-tenths of our membership, and to bring all our people to be in fact "good stewards of Jesus Christ" in the realm of prayer, property and life. To this end.

Third. We urge every pastor and church to co-operate in the simultaneous four weeks Stewardship Campaign in November, recommended by the recent Cleveland District Superintendents' Conference of the two Methodisms North and South, and by the Stewardship Department of our own church. The signed cards should be sent promptly to the New York office.

Fourth. We believe, with the Stewardship Department, that the chief note of this November campaign and all Stewardship campaigns should be "the revival of evangelism and spiritual power."

Fifth. In order to the success of the Centenary movement and the triumphs of the world program of our Lord, we believe that our pastors and churches should carry out a systematic and continuous Stewardship program in its broadest and most comprehensive sense. For this purpose we recommend, as urged by the Stewardship Department.

(1) The appointment of a District Stewardship Secretary in each Conference District, and a Sub-District Stewardship Secretary in each Sub-District, who shall co-operate with the Stewardship Department and Area programs.

(2) The organization of the tithers in each church into a Tithers' Association, this organization to be closely tied up with the Unit System of the church by the identification

of its Executive Committee with the Stewardship Secretaries of the various units, the President of this association being a member of the local council.

(3) The systematic instruction of tithers, tithing prospects and young people in the broad and fundamental principles of the life of Christian Stewardship, believing that the thorough inculcation of such principles is the surest way to make certain the collection of the Centenary subscriptions, to secure a steadily increasing income for the work of the Kingdom for the next hundred years, to solve the labor, social, industrial, economic and peace problems of our nation and of the world, and to develop the happiest, fullest and most efficient spiritual life.

Sixth. Since we all recognize (1) the necessity of developing the loyalty of our people to the church and the work of the Kingdom; (2) the efficiency and power of team-work as contrasted with individual effort; (3) the value of having the church and the church's Christ receive the credit for the benevolences of God's people; (4) the importance of abolishing false methods of money raising, and of securing the unfailingly successful system of adequately financing the Kingdom program; (5) the advisability of releasing the time and energy of our people from the strain of church financial burdens, that they may be free for the supreme spiritual activities of the church; (6) the divine promise of the fullness of material and spiritual blessing, conditioned on the bringing of the whole tithe into the storehouse that there may be food in God's house, and (7) the significance of the testimony of storehouse tithing churches that such advantages accompany the acceptance and practice of storehouse tithing, we recommend to our pastors and people the serious study of the Bible teaching concerning the storehouse and the experience of storehouse tithing churches, with a view to the bringing of our churches and members into fullest accord with God's plan of financing the local church and the work of the Kingdom.

We beg to submit the following:

Feeling that our Western Methodism is in the making, and that any help given in developing a wise conservation policy of church finance at this time will tell through all the future, and desiring to have an important part in the great stewardship movement of the church, and realizing our need of definite stewardship instruction and inspirational teaching, we, the members of the Montana Conference, respectfully petition, and urge the appointment of a Stewardship Secretary for the Helena Area for the year 1919-20.

CHARLES D. CROUCH,
JOHN G. ROSS,
W. C. SMITH,
CHAS. F. WOLFE,
A. D. WELCH,
CHAS. M. DONALDSON,
T. H. MARTIN,
EDW. C. BARTLETT.

DEACONESS BOARD.**Licenses Renewed.**

Roxana Beck
J. Leone Rice
Edith Ackerman
Ruby C. Hulbert
Cora Frances Meneley
Aaselle Iverson

Helen Cowan Piper
Blanche L. Baker
Mary Janet Burns
Monta Bain
Annie Hellickson
Ethel Hancock

Received on Probation.

Augusta Nelson

Mildred Christensen

Transfers.

Ethel Hancock from the Rock River Conference.
Monta Bain from the North Montana Conference.
Cora Meneley from the North Montana Conference.

Recommendations.

We recommend that this Conference approve and accept of the property at Sidney, Montana, which at this present time is in the hands of a board of directors, the majority of whom are Methodists, and which has adhered to the rules of the Methodist discipline. This institution shows promise of a good future, and is known as the Sidney Deaconess Hospital of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

We further recommend that our hospitals at Butte and at Sidney be recognized by the General Deaconess Association of our church and placed under the supervision of the General Board.

We further recommend that the Trustees of the Butte Deaconess Hospital endeavor to secure a field worker for at least one year to secure help from the friends of the Butte hospital over the district. This board also recommends to this Conference the re-election of Mrs. Jennie F. Miller, William Lutey and R. P. Smith for three years.

RESOLUTIONS.

We rejoice in the success of the Deaconess work within the bounds of our Conference this year. The work at Butte has started most auspiciously under the leadership of Miss Ida Hills. At Bozeman our new building costing \$125,000 is nearing completion; this is a wonderful victory. The Board of Trustees has the finances well in hand. Much credit is due Miss Edith Ackerman.

At Sidney we had a most successful campaign last May for the purchase of a hospital at that place, valued at \$36,000. Miss Monta Bain has been appointed superintendent and the work has started off in the most encouraging manner. May God wonderfully bless this institution this year.

The Montana Deaconess School has had a year of phenomenal success.

room at this time is at a premium. The splendid character of this institution is known far and wide, and we have been receiving students from all parts of the Helena Area. Improvements are being made at this time completing the interior of the building, so that it is now an up-to-date institution in its equipment. The cost of this work is approximately \$7,000 making a total of \$32,000 which has been expended in the last ten years to bring the old Wesleyan into modern condition and workable adjustment to the needs of growing boys and girls.

The Board of Trustees is waiting an opportune time for the launching of a campaign for a new building to take care of the children that must be constantly refused admission for lack of room.

Miss Roxana Beck as principal and Rev. John Chirgwin as Field Secretary are to be congratulated.

We regret that for various reasons the work on the Deaconess Hospital at Billings has been suspended for a short time. We extend to the earnest Billings friends our heartiest sympathy and encouragement, standing ready to help at any time.

We therefore resolve that the church in general throughout the state make our Deaconess work a matter of earnest prayer, and that we seek capable and consecrated young women for this branch of our church work.

H. G. HUMPHREY, President.

JOHN CHIRGWIN, Secretary.

DEACONESS SCHOOL—FIELD SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Bishop and Brethren of the Montana Conference, Greeting:

The Montana Deaconess School has just closed the best year of its history. About one hundred children have sought admission, but in vain, because we had not the room for them. It is not necessary for us to advertise for students. The influenza epidemic visited us but with no serious results.

In February 20th of this year we had our jubilee banquet at the Placer hotel in Helena. There were about one hundred present, Governor Stewart and wife, members of the Supreme Court, several members of the Senate and House of Representatives, the four District Superintendents and all the Superintendents of the Deaconess Hospitals in Montana with only one exception. It was thought by many present to be one of the most pleasant occasions ever held in connection with our institution. The Treasurer, Mr. MacNeill, assisted by other members of the Board of Trustees, burned about thirty thousand dollars in notes.

The Field Secretary has raised on the field this year \$5,594.00. In addition to that work, much time this past year has been spent in the interest of the Montana Wesleyan College. The Field Secretary has raised over ten thousand dollars for this institution since last Conference.

Last April, your humble servant was called upon to lead the campaign at Sidney, Montana, to secure the hospital there to be managed by our Deaconesses. The campaign was a decided success. Twenty-one thousand dollars were raised during the week. All praise be to our God who gave us the strength and inspiration to do what we could in His vineyard.

our state, with a history and record which though full of trials and hindrances, is also one of progress and triumph. We urge upon all our ministers and people a renewed enthusiasm and loyalty, without which we can never reach that measure of success which is the goal of our ambitions, and the rightful heritage of such a school.

We therefore pledge our most generous and loyal support to the re-organized management, and will at all times welcome the representatives of the school to our pulpits. The ministers of Montana Conference have made a most enviable record in the past in raising the sustentation fund, and we would again urge that the work of our school be not crippled, nor our own record lowered by the failure of any brother to pay his share of this fund.

We recommend that Friday evening of each Annual Conference session be devoted exclusively to Montana Wesleyan College interests, and that the program for that evening be arranged by the management of the college in consultation with the entertaining pastor.

We sincerely regret that the condition of President Sweetland's health made necessary his resignation as head of the college, and we trust that in his new field he will be speedily restored to health and strength. We desire to express our hearty appreciation of his able services and wish him abundant success and Godspeed in his new field of labor. He has left in Montana an enduring monument in our new dormitory which will ever stand as substantial evidence of his successful labors.

We recommend the election of R. P. Smith and Edward Laird Mills as Trustees of Montana Wesleyan, term to expire in 1923.

Theological Schools.

In view of the increasing demands made upon the ministry in these days, we would emphasize the importance of thorough preparation on the part of those who have the ministry in view, and of special theological training as a vital factor in such preparation. To such we commend the theological schools of our own church. We again express our gratification at the good work being done at Kimball School of Theology, located at Salem, Oregon, a school founded for the purpose of serving the church in this great northwest.

The visit of Professor Hammond, a member of the faculty of Kimball, at this session, we appreciate most highly. Kimball is our school of theology and a visit from a member of the faculty is a compliment we prize. We recommend the election of H. G. Humphrey and George D. Wolfe as Trustees of Kimball School of Theology, and of the District Superintendents, and George D. Wolfe as Conference Visitors.

The Board of Education.

We appreciate greatly the aid that the Board of Education through its loan fund is giving our Montana students both at our Montana Wesleyan College and in other Methodist institutions. We urge upon our pastors the

We were hoping that Montana would have abundant crops this year, for our plans were laid for a new building, but we have given up the idea at this time. Nevertheless, we are putting in new hard wood floors and an elevator. Our walls are being tinted, the heating plant is being overhauled, and many other things are being attended to, which will cost about seven thousand dollars. Our building at the beginning of next September, when we open school, will be in better condition than when it was opened nearly thirty years ago.

During this past year we have secured the title to the entire property. This will help us very much in securing a loan at any time we may need it.

I truly appreciate the many courtesies extended me as I have represented our institutions on your various charges. You have been more than kind to me. I wish many times that I could help you with your burdens and if, at any time you feel that I could help in any way, call on me.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN CHIRGWIN.

EDUCATION.

Whereas, our last General Conference called special attention to our responsibility as a church in relation to thousands of Methodist students attending tax-supported institutions of higher learning, and charged the Boards of Education and Home Missions to develop an aggressive policy to meet that responsibility and such work has been initiated at a number of State University centers, and such financial help has been afforded as was possible.

In our own state we already have many Methodist students at our state institutions and year by year that number is increasing.

Therefore, we, the Montana Conference, would call attention of the boards named to our problem in Montana, and request that such assistance as is needed be supplied at once so that we may be enabled to meet our responsibility and opportunity as a church at the state institutions of higher learning in Montana.

Montana Wesleyan.

We rejoice in the outlook for a bigger and better Montana Wesleyan. The years of struggle and privation are not all behind us—but there is “daybreak everywhere.”

The last year while reaching high water mark in the matter of enrollment has brought with it a little more than the usual amount of care and difficulty. The tremendous cost increase in all building materials added manifold difficulties to the completion of our new dormitory. The drought and labor unrest dried up the sources from which the money to meet subscriptions was relied on. The influenza and other epidemics hindered our operations greatly. Yet we are rejoicing in reports that indicate a most gratifying progress and outlook for our school.

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observance of Children's day, and ask them to send the collection direct to the board for the use of the loan fund. We also thank the board for its interest in our Montana Wesleyan, and for its advice and financial assistance in the conduct of our school.

GEORGE DAVID WOLFE, Chairman.

EPWORTH LEAGUE REPORT.

Your Committee on Epworth League begs to submit the following report:

Reports of this Conference show our present number of Leagues the same as last year, or 50% only of our charges reporting Leagues.

In view of the fact that our Centenary movement requires the effort of all our people, and that our recruits for service are expected from the ranks of our people, and in view of the fact that at this Conference, we have no candidates for admission on trial, and further in view of the fact that our recent State League Convention was much below par in matter of attendance and interest, we therefore urge that greater attention be given by all to improve the present status of our League work, and that we enter heartily into the institute work contemplated in our state.

Signed on behalf of Committee,

W. H. PASCOE,

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Resolved:

(1) That in our zeal for the Centenary movement, we as a Conference have registered our deep loyalty to the cause of Foreign Missions.

(2) That we shall continue our faithful presentation of the causes represented by the Board of Foreign Missions, and by organization of Sunday Schools into Missionary Societies, and by the preaching upon the subject as often as practicable.

(3) That we pledge ourselves to faithful work in the collection of Centenary pledges as they fall due.

CHAS. L. BOVARD, Chairman.

FREEDMAN'S AID SOCIETY.

We, your committee, beg to submit the following:

We are glad to live in an age when neither nationality nor color constitute any boundary line in our thought connected with Christian work. We are not unmindful of proofs many, given by our colored brethren of their worthiness of Christian support from our hands. We are not blind to their great worth in winning the late war. We certainly look upon this people as a part, and a vital part, of our church constituency, and would pledge to them our continued support. Because of our Centenary budget system of providing for their financial and spiritual needs, we see no reason why even greater emphasis should not be placed on Lincoln Day Anniversary. Let us in every way possible by addresses, by sermons, assist them in their aim for higher standard toward citizenship and Christian morality.

COMMITTEE.

HOME MISSIONS.

The Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension respectfully submit the following report:

We desire to record our appreciation of Dr. W. L. McDowell, Superintendent of the Department of Church Extension, for paying us two visits during the Conference year. Last November Dr. McDowell visited the city of Butte, and in company with some members of the Conference Board, he made a survey of the city, and became conversant with our church extension needs there. We were also glad to greet him here in our Annual Conference session, and his fine brotherly spirit and valuable counsel concerning our work is of inestimable assistance. We are also grateful to Dr. Edward Laird Mills, Superintendent of the Frontier Department, for his interest and assistance, which has greatly helped us in our conquest of this large Home Mission field for Christ. An unprecedented drouth threatened to impede, if not stop entirely our forward movement and church extension program, but the prompt and generous assistance of our Board of Home Missions and Church Extension has saved an alarming situation, and we shall not soon forget that what the State Legislature failed to do for a stricken people, our board did, and did it in a liberal way. In view of this, we pledge our loyalty, our support, and earnest co-operation with the board in its entire program for the ensuing year.

The following applications have been received and acted upon:

For Loans.

Miles City	\$5,000 00
Grace Church, Butte	500.00
Wilboux	2,000.00
White Pine (C)	350.00
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	\$7,850.00

For Donations.

Wilboux Church	\$ 350.00
Over Bow	500.00
Glacial Park	352.00
Three Forks	293.75
Fairview (C)	500.00
Medena, Oakes Street	300.00
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	\$2,295.75

To Three Forks a donation of \$100 from the Contingent fund.

The Conference Board approved the following Church Extension Program for the first Centenary year, the order in each district to be as herein indicated:

BUTTE DISTRICT

Project ..	Cost	Total Asking	First Year Asking
Oakes St., Helena (C)	\$ 6,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
Three Forks (P)	4,000	1,500	1,500
Butte, Italian Work (C)	10,000	.....	2,000
Butte, Silver Bow (C)	15,000	.....	2,000
Whitehall (Auto)	600	300	300
Butte, Unity (P)	3,000	500	500
Butte, Floral Park	15,000	.....	700
			<hr/> \$ 9,000

YELLOWSTONE DISTRICT.

Project	Cost	Total Asking	First Year Asking
Miles City (C)	\$	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
Wilsall (P)	2,500	.....	1,000
Hardin (P)	3,000	.....	1,000
Joliet (P)	6,500	.....	1,000
Richey (P)	2,000	.....	1,000
Ashland (C)	5,000	2,000	1,000
Baker (C)	10,000	5,000	1,000
Wibaux (C)	4,000	.....	1,000
			<hr/> \$11,000

In case the amount available for Church Extension shall not equal \$20,000 it was agreed by the District Superintendents that each district should share the deficit proportionately, the Butte District taking 9/20 of it, and the Yellowstone District 11/20.

The Bishop and the District Superintendents made the following recommendations to the Conference Board which were on motion adopted:

First. In view of grave conditions in a large part of our Conference territory, resulting from the destructive drouth, it is our deliberate judgment that our primary missionary need is for the appropriation of a sufficient sum of money to keep the preachers on their fields, and to prevent actual privation and suffering in their homes. After full consultation with the pastors and charges involved, and after a most careful and prayerful consideration of the whole situation, we respectfully recommend to the board at Philadelphia and request them to grant an emergency appropriation of not less than \$8,825 to meet the present conditions, this sum to be in addition to the sum of \$7,850, the amount granted last year—the entire appropriation for this year to be not less than \$16,675. We further recommend and request that this total sum of \$16,675 be appropriated to the several charges as follows: The Bishop and District Superintendents concurring (see list on page 254).

Second. As the need of relief is immediately urgent, and as the sum available for the balance of this calendar year will be altogether insufficient for the four and a half months remaining, we earnestly request and

strongly urge the office at Philadelphia if possible to advance a sufficient amount on account of the emergency appropriation asked to relieve the pressure, the advance payment not to exceed one-third of the total emergency appropriation.

Third. In view of our action touching the need of an emergency appropriation, and our request that the same be provided, and in view of the fact that quite a few of our congregations, because of the economic stress, will be without funds to undertake contemplated building projects, for which help has been provided in the Centenary survey, we hereby give our consent, should such consent be necessary, for the use of Centenary funds that might be available for our Church Extension needs, in order to provide the emergency appropriation asked for, should it be needful to use said funds for these purposes.

Fourth. We agree that we will administer with the utmost care and economy the emergency appropriation, that we will reduce the amounts allotted to the several charges, should future developments render such a reduction possible, without the infliction of privation and hardship. We also agree to return any amount so saved to the office at Philadelphia.

F. C. FULFORD,

Secretary of Board.

Attested by:

RICHARD J. COOKE,

Presiding Bishop

CHAS. RHODES,

Secretary of Conference.

HOSPITALS.

This Conference recognizes the value of physical healing as of divine origin and divine sanction. It is one of the chief ministries of a Christian Church to heal the sick. For this purpose many hospitals are established, and many women are trained as professional nurses and are serving as angels of mercy in these institutions. It is a fact which gives us great pride and satisfaction that so many of these hospitals are already established in our Conference, and that others are being provided for, and that our members and constituents are taking increased interest in this branch of Christian ministry. We wish to commend the National Methodist Hospital Association, in its organization and effort to extend the work of hospitals throughout Methodism. We wish also to extend our thanks to the Centenary Commission for providing a fund for hospitals out of the subscription to the Centenary.

We recommend these hospitals to our friends everywhere, and solicit their sympathy and patronage. We urge our pastors and friends to look out for young women qualified to take training, and urge them to enter this service. As a step to get the facts of our hospital work before the people, we ask that a committee of one be appointed to prepare a hospital exhibit to be shown at the seat of the Annual Conference.

A. D. WELCH,

THOMAS MILLER.

STEWARDS.

Income.

For Annuity Distribution:

Book Concern Dividend.....	\$ 587.00
Chartered Fund Dividend.....	35.00
Part of Support paid by the Churches.....	2,365.00
Income from Conference Investments.....	136.00
Total	\$3,123.00

For Necessitous Distribution:

Board of Conference Claimants' Dividend.....	\$ 200.00
Grand Total	\$3,323.00
Number of Effective Members of Conference.....	47
Total average salary received by them.....	\$1,000.00
Legal rate for each year of "effective" service (1/70 of the average salary).....	14.25
Years to be accounted for, including all relinquished years: 368.	
Retired ministers ("effective" years, plus two years on trial)	232
Widows (three-fourths of "effective" years served with hus- band)	130
Children (one-fifth of father's "effective" years for each child)	6
Total "full" years of preachers, widows and children.....	368
Total of Annuity Claims figured at above rate, \$14.25 per year multiplied by 272 "full" years.....	\$3,870.00
Rate paid this year, \$11.40 per year, or 80.6% of the legal rate.	

DISTRIBUTION TO PREACHERS.

	Years Counted	Annuity Claim	Annuity Paid	Special Allowance
A. P. Morrison.....	43	.....	\$290	\$ 20
John Hosking	24	.....	162	98
Andrew Kershaw	30	.....	203	.....
S. E. Snider	22	.....	149	118
S. A. Oliver.....	32	.....	* .....	50
J. A. Badcon	25	.....	169	6
G. D. King.....	25	.....	* .....	.....
Jacob Mills	31	.....	* .....	.....
W. H. Calvert .....	.....	.....	.....	100

*Relinquished.

DISTRIBUTION TO WIDOWS

	Husband's Years	Widow's Years Allowed	Total Claim	Annuity Paid	Special Allowance	Total Allowance
Mrs. Cordelia Lowry.....	14	11	.....	\$ 74	\$ 51	\$125
Mrs. A. D. Raleigh.....	23	18	.....	122	313	435
Mrs. Clara Ware.....	33	25	.....	169	31	200
Mrs. Ida Hall.....	9	7	.....	47	53	100
Mrs. Allan Rodger.....	11	8	.....	54	46	100
Mrs. L. H. Mickel.....	16	12	.....	81	.....	81
Mrs. C. P. Adams.....	20	15	.....	101	39	140
Mrs. Isia B. Miller.....	8	6	.....	*	.....	.....
Mrs. J. W. Tait.....	27	20	.....	135	165	300
Mrs. J. M. Whiteley.....	....	4	.....	46	254	300

*Relinquished.

DISTRIBUTION TO CHILDREN.

	Years	Total Claim	Annuity Paid	Special Allowance	Total Allowance
Morris Adams	3	.....	\$ 20	\$ 30	\$ 50
Willa Snyder	3	.....	20	80	100

HENRY A. JAMES, President.

JOHN A. MEEKE, Secretary.

CHARLES E. CUNNINGHAM, Treasurer.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Board of Sunday Schools of the Montana Conference regards the situation in Montana as demanding prompt consideration by the directing forces of our connectional Sunday School work, if the immediate need is to be met, and the best possible results obtained.

The religious life of a new community can frequently be brought to a focus, and the diverse religious elements enlisted interested and harnessed for definite effective community service, by a Sunday School. Both children and adults of new and isolated communities can be reached and organized preparatory to church life, through the medium of the Sunday School. In our vast areas here in Montana, the religious life of our people outside of church privileges, can be effectively sustained by the Sunday School. These fields are now open to us on every side.

The Sunday School missionary is the prospector who seeks out the sources of future denominational strength. We fear that the Methodist Church is not keeping pace with the rapidly developing fields of this territory. Other denominations are preparing now for development work, by the employment of Sunday School missionaries and colporteurs in every likely area, thus paving the way for permanent occupancy.

3. With the organization of five new counties within the boundaries of the Montana Conference, the need of a Sunday School organizer is urgent. Only a man thoroughly acquainted with western conditions, ready to endure pioneer hardships, and one who has the spirit and training of the west, will be advisable. We respectfully petition the appointment of such a man by the Board of Sunday Schools to be placed upon the field at once, with backing to the extent of \$2,000.00 and a Ford car.

4. We urge the pastors of our churches, located at county seats, and thus in a strategic position, to organize and supervise as far as their duties permit, the Sunday School interest of their counties, and by use of lay teams, minute men, and through county institutes, give direction and inspiration to the work.

H. G. HUMPHREY,

C. M. DONALDSON.

TEMPERANCE.

We congratulate the people of Montana on the results of the dry law which went into effect December 31, 1918.

Notwithstanding the lax enforcement of the law in many places resulting from the weakness and inefficiency, if not criminality of many officers of the law, as well as to the continued activities of the brewers' trust, there is no question but that the dry law is of the greatest benefit to the state.

We would voice the sentiments of all law-abiding citizens, when we express our condemnation of all those officers whose administration of the dry law encourages bootlegging, and thereby brings all law into contempt, and we would equally commend those officials both of state, county and city, who having regard to their oath and to the welfare of the state, have promoted the interests of the community by enforcement of the prohibitory law, and urge our people to active encouragement and support of officials who faithfully enforce the laws.

We desire to express our hearty condemnation for those members of the Legislature, who by their votes have attempted to hinder the adequate enforcement of the dry law, and urge the voters of the state to watch these men, should they present themselves again for public office.

We rejoice in our national prohibition law, and accord our hearty approval of our Congressmen and Senators from Montana, whose votes and efforts have been exerted to secure an adequate enforcement of National Prohibition.

The visits of Dr. C. T. Wilson to our Conference have always been profitable and instructive. We are very glad indeed to have had him with us this year. The leadership and the activities of our own Church Board of Temperance Prohibition and Public Morals is a matter highly gratifying to all Methodists. The board and its aggressive and eloquent secretary can depend upon the hearty support of the Montana Conference at all times. The work of the W. C. T. U. and Anti-Saloon League is worthy of our continued support and praise. Especially to the efforts now being made for the enforcement of the law under the leadership of the Anti-Saloon League, we promise our fullest co-operation and support. We look forward to the day when the whole world shall be free from the

abandonment of alcoholic liquors and pledge ourselves now as ever to untiring efforts for a dry world.

FREDERICK T. SPENCER.

GEO. D. WOLFE.

W. H. PASCOE.

JESSE LACKLEN.

TREASURER.

**CONFERENCE OF METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF MONTANA.
IN ACCOUNT WITH JACOB MILLS, TREASURER.**

1919—

August 20	Bannack Church Fund, last report.....	\$ 73.85
	Interest	4.43
	Total	\$ 78.28
	Trout Creek Church Fund, last report.....	114.93
	Interest	6.90
	Total	\$ 121.83
	Pyretees Church Fund, last report.....	\$ 27.08
	Interest	1.63
	Total	\$ 28.71
	Chestnut Church Fund, last report.....	\$ 27.42
	Interest	1.66
	Total	\$ 29.08
	White Sulphur Spring Church Fund, rent.....	\$ 30.00
	Interest .....	.60
	Total	\$ 30.60
	Ovando Parsonage Fund, last report.....	\$ 545.33
	Interest	32.72
	Total	\$ 578.05
	Conference Claimants' Fund, last report.....	\$2,490.23
Aug. 27/18	Paid Treasurer of Conference Stewards.....	127.00
		\$2,363.23
Aug. 20/19	Interest	141.80
		\$2,505.03
	To renewal of Fidelity Bond.....	5.00
	Total Conference Claimants' Fund.....	\$2,500.03
	Bozeman Church Mortgage Note (Yellow- stone District Parsonage Fund).....	\$2,840.00
	By 4 interest payments of \$42.60 each.....	170.40
	To paid Edward Smith, D. S.....	\$170.40
	Due from First Trust & Savings Bank, Balance	136.89

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

(Last year's report in minutes erroneous)

By Chas. L. Bovard, D. S., for Victor Church	\$ 175.00
To paid expenses of Rev. Chas. Rhodes.....	\$ 1.75
Filing satisfaction of mortgage.....	1.25
Revenue stamp on deed.....	.50
Balance sent Dr. McDowell, Board of Church	
Extension	171.50
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	\$ 175.00

Respectfully submitted,

JACOB MILLS,

Treasurer.

(C) MONTANA CONFERENCE PROGRAM.

Tuesday, August 19. 9 a. m., Conference examinations and committee meetings. 8 p. m., reception, Rev. Edward Smith, District Superintendent, Chairman; addresses of welcome, Hon. W. H. Lindsay, Rev. Mr. Durant and Mr. Ertmatinger; response, Bishop R. J. Cooke; refreshments served by the Epworth League.

Wednesday, August 20. 8:30, devotional address by Bishop Cooke. 9:00 a. m., Communion Service. 10:00 organization of Conference. Memoirs, Rev. E. Smith, Chairman. 11:00, "The Mass Movement in America," Rev. Geo. Mecklenburg. 2:30, the Centenary Institute. "The Spiritual Resources of the Church," Rev. Chas. M. Donaldson; "The Stewardship Campaign in November," Dr. Lincoln A. Shute; "Organizing the Local Church for Evangelism," Rev. Chas. Wolfe; "The Centenary Subscriptions," Rev. George Mecklenburg. 8:00, address, Chairman Rev. Jesse Lacklen, "Can the Gospel Save the World?" Rev. George Mecklenburg; address Dr. Lincoln A. Shute.

Thursday, August 21. 8:30, devotional address by Bishop Cooke. 9:00, Conference. 2:00, W. H. M. S. Anniversary, speaker, Rev. J. A. Martin. 3:00, W. F. M. S. Anniversary, Mrs. C. L. Bovard, Chairman; address, Mrs. Eva Foster. 4:00, Mr. E. E. Collins, Chairman; lecture describing a battle by Chaplain Kelley. 7:45, Chairman, Rev. Charles D. Crouch; address by Dr. Hammond. Dr. Clarence True Wilson also spoke on "The Reform New Program."

Friday, August 22. 8:30, devotional address, Bishop Cooke. 9:00, Conference session. 11:00, General Conference election. 2:00, address, Greenfield; lecture, Chaplain Lacklen. 6:00, Centenary banquet served by the Ladies' Aid; Toastmaster, Rev. George D. Wolfe. 7:45, address, "Rich Gold Mine," Dr. O. S. Baketel.

Saturday, August 23. 8:30, devotional address. 9:00, Conference session. 11:00, joint session. Afternoon, recreation and Chautauqua. 7:00, Deaconess Board Anniversary, Chairman, Rev. C. M. Donaldson; address, Rev. J. A. Martin, Rev. W. W. Van Orsdel, Misses Beck, Hills, and R. M.

Sunday, August 24. 9:00, Love Feast, led by "Brother Van." 10:30, morning worship and dedication sermon by Bishop Cooke. 3:00, Ordination Service. 7:00, Epworth League Rally; speaker, Rev. A. D. Welch. Street meetings each evening at 7:00 in charge of Rev. Chas. F. Wolfe.

IX Plan of Conference Examinations

BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

Two examiners for each year's study. These two examiners to divide studies as agreeable to themselves. Examiners to continue in same year until changed by Conference.

John A. Meeke, Chairman, Anaconda.

Thomas Hardie, Registrar, Miles City.

For Admission on Trial—

Examiners, A. D. Welch, Fred Whitford.

The English Language.

(a) The art of Writing English, Brown and Barnes. F. Whitford.

(b) American History, James and Sanford. A. D. Welch.

American History, James and Sanford. A. D. Welch.

Doctrines and Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church. F. Whitford.

Life of John Wesley, Winchester. A. D. Welch.

Written Paper.

Written Sermon.

First Year—

Examiners, H. G. Humphrey, Chas. F. Wolfe.

New Testament History—Rall. H. G. Humphrey.

Human Behavior—Calvin and Bagley. C. F. Wolfe.

The Making of a Sermon—Pattison. H. G. Humphrey.

How to Study and Teaching How to Study—McMurray. C. F. Wolfe.

Second Year—

Examiners, Geo. D. Wolfe, E. D. Swisher.

Dictionary of the Bible—Hastings. G. D. Wolfe.

The Bible in the Making—Smyth. G. D. Wolfe.

How We Got Our Bible—Smyth. G. D. Wolfe.

Short History of the Christian Church—Moncrief. G. D. Wolfe.

The Pupil and the Teacher—Weigle. E. D. Swisher.

The Graded Sunday School in Principle and Practice—Meyer. E. D. Swisher.

The Way to Win—Fisher. E. D. Swisher.

Third Year—

Examiners, E. C. Bartlett, T. Hardie.

Beacon Lights of Prophecy—Knudsen. T. Hardie.

Foundations of Christian Belief—Strickland. E. C. Bartlett.

Socialism and Modern Social Problems—Ellwood. T. Hardie.

Introduction to the Study of Modern Comparative Religion—Jevons. E. C. Bartlett.

Fourth Year—

Examiners, Paul M. Adams, J. G. Ross.

Paul and His Epistles—Hayes. P. M. Adams.

System of Christian Doctrine—Sheldon. P. M. Adams.

Everyday Ethics—Cabot. J. G. Ross.

The New Home Missions—Douglas. J. G. Ross.

Social Aspects of Foreign Missions—France. J. G. Ross.

Local Preacher's Course—

John A. Meeke, T. H. Martin.

Local Deacon's Orders—

E. C. Bartlett, Thomas Hardie.

Local Elder's Orders—

J. A. Meeke.

NOTES FOR EXAMINERS AND APPLICANTS.

1. Each examiner is required to send to the Chairman a list of questions not later than October 1, 1920.

2. Each candidate will notify the Chairman when ready to pass on any book.

3. The persons conducting an examination will send the candidate's answers to their respective examiners, and the questions back to the Chairman.

4. Each examiner will send three (typewritten, if possible) copies of questions to Chairman, retaining one copy for himself, and after examining the papers submitted by candidate will forward grades to the Registrar.

5. It shall be the duty of the undergraduates desiring to present credit for any subject pursued in school, or Conference, to confer with the examiner before Conference, stating the subject for which he desires credit and to present satisfactory evidence of his standing in the same before the Board of Examiners at its annual meeting at the seat of Conference.

6. Local preachers will apply directly to John A. Meeke, Anaconda, for information and questions on that course.

7. After the opening session of Conference no candidate will hereafter be admitted to examination.

8. Examiners will keep account of postage expense and submit same to board at annual meeting.

9. Read carefully what the Discipline says, relating to Conference examination. (Appendix, Chapter 8.)

10. Write all sermons, essays, and answers to questions neatly with ink on one side of the paper.

11. Examinations must be taken before a member of the Examining Board, or some person suggested by the District Superintendent. Candidates appointed to remote charges are requested, as far as possible, to arrange to take their examination during the visits of the Superintendent.

12. The Secretary of the Conference is instructed to pay bills incurred by the Chairman and Registrar for the typewriting and postage necessary in the preparation and transmission of examination questions.

13. Each candidate will be required to present a synopsis of each book of collateral reading, same to consist of not less than one thousand words.

X

Memoirs

REV. JNO. M. WHITELEY.

Life is not measured by its span, but by the use that man makes of it. This was demonstrated by the life of John M. Whiteley, whose passing away came as a shock to the men of the Montana Conference.

He was born in Canada June 6, 1880, and died at Glendive Thursday, February 13, 1919. When only 14 years of age he was left fatherless. A widowed mother and four brothers and one sister was the heavy charge thrust upon him. With noble courage he threw himself into the long bitter struggle to wrest from life the things necessary to support the family. He emerged a victor from the fight by being worthy of the trust and keeping the home intact.

His education was obtained in the common schools and in the college of Owen Sound. In April of 1909 he was married to Elizabeth Taylor.

It was in the year of 1908 that the Montana Conference was enriched by admitting to its ranks this young Canadian. His rugged character and virile thinking, with a marked personality, soon began to make an impress upon the men at the annual sessions. The monumental work done at Meadow Creek, Laurel, Huntley, and Glendive will be for all time an evergreen wreath to his memory.

"Black was always black" and "spades were always spades" with John Whiteley. He had no patience with the antique, and would passionately denounce the obsolete and sham. Veneer was the cause of nausea where he was concerned. Yet he was a man of tender heart, deep feeling, and blessed with a strong humane touch. He lived his life for others and gave himself unsparingly, willingly and without reserve to the allotted task. The needy found him to be a reservoir and a ready response to their needs was always forthcoming.

Glendive, with its influenza epidemic, proved to be a fertile field for the compassionate heart of this hero. Day and night he ministered to the sick and dying. His best was measured out in large portions. Burying the dead, and giving comfort to the bereaved, he moved among the people like a ray of sunshine. Gloom had no place when confronted by his cheery, optimistic countenance. Spending and being spent was his daily vocation and delight.

This prodigality had its reward. For when his wasted frame and weakened vitality was gripped by the disease, it found him with his guard down and his fighting powers so depleted, that he soon gave up the contest. Yet he passed away a victor as a gladiator of the Gospel of his Christ and Lord. Another big contribution to the moral and religious forces engaged in the forming of Montana citizenship has been paid by the life that was given so freely.

The railroad men of Glendive honored him with a beautiful tribute. Marble and granite structures have a long life but have very little expression. These men knew values when they saw them. They saw them in John Whiteley and expressed them in these words, "He was a Man."

T. HARDIE.

MRS. ELIZABETH STEWART HARDIE.

Elizabeth Stewart was born in the north of England in 1875. At the age of 11 she was converted and joined the church, beginning a lifelong and happy Christian experience. In 1900 she married the Rev. Thos. Hardie and ten years later came with him direct from England to Butte, Montana. Brother Hardie soon found work at Lima and went from there to the service at Carlton, Oakes St., Helena, Hardin, and Miles City. At all of these places Mrs. Hardie, by her genial disposition, made many firm friends.

Not long after her arrival at Miles City, the influenza epidemic broke out. Sister Hardie was untiring in her ministrations. Her strength, never great, was depleted and when she, too, was stricken, she soon yielded and passed away on the second day of January, 1919. Beside her husband she left behind her, her son, William, and a daughter, Ethyl. The people of Miles City were most kind in their sympathy and with them united a host of friends throughout the state and the Conference.

Sister Hardie's life was an open book. Its controlling motive was the love of Christ. A troublesome disease had fastened itself upon her and many of her days were spent in pain, yet no one ever saw her downcast nor without a smile upon her face. Her Christian experience was sufficient for every emergency and seemed to produce a nature that was always cheerful, always happy, always contented.

Sister Hardie was devoted to the interests of the church. She was an untiring worker in the Sunday School, the League and the Aid Society. She was a natural leader and succeeded in getting others interested in the work of the church. Somehow people were their best and did their best because she expected it of them. Perhaps the secret of her leadership is found in the fact that she was a woman of rare and ready sympathy. She understood the problems of others, entered into them, was ready to give of her sympathy and of her effort for their solution. Her work was done in a quiet and unobtrusive but effectual way. However, it is not always the life that makes the biggest display that is the most useful. Without doubt when the garnered sheaves are counted a goodly number will be credited to her activity.

Many can testify to her hospitality. Her home was always open to her friends. Her whole soul was devoted to her home life and to her family. She gave herself completely to her loved ones and in return received an abundance of affection that made her home a beautiful place. In John 14 we read of the mansions in our Father's house. It is not a fancy to believe that Elizabeth Hardie has attained to one of these. Is it a greater fancy to think that she has swept and garnished it, and is there waiting the coming of those she loved while here.

PAUL M. ADAMS.

REV. FRANK J. BOYLAN.

Frank J. Boylan, once a member of the Montana Conference, but afterwards a member of the Oklahoma Conference, died at Wallace, Idaho, November 13, 1918, age 66 years. He did pioneer work at Twin Bridges and Miles City.

HELEN MONTANA LACKLEN.

Helen Montana, the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Jesse Lacklen, was born January 19, 1912, at the parsonage home in Dillon, Montana. Her death occurred May 10, 1919.

During these years this child challenged the resources of her parents, and enlarged continually their lives. The fragrance of her beautiful life will abide. We, with God, will see that such a life does not fall to the ground. Life, time and eternity are the terms of an unbreakable union, a living union. "She is not dead, she is just away."

"Forever with the Lord,
Amen so let it be."

J. O. RANDALL.

CHARLES H. BARKER.

Charles H. Barker, son of Rev. Thomas H. and Anne Barker, was born in England, February 8, 1891, and died at Hamilton, Montana, December 9, 1918, age 28 years, 10 months and 1 day. When a child of two years, his parents brought him to America. They resided for seven years at Elkhorn, Montana. As a child his thoughts were directed towards the religious life, and he dedicated his life to God in a public way at a series of special meetings while his father was pastor at Marysville. His education was obtained in the public schools of Helena, Butte, and Hamilton, with one year at Montana Wesleyan. At the age of 21 he married Miss Viola Boyd of Hamilton, making his home in that part of the state up to the time of his death. He was one of the many victims of the "flu." He leaves a widow and three children to mourn their loss at his premature end. Interment was at Hamilton December 12, 1918, the Rev. Charles Rhodes officiating.

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Roll of the Dead

OUR HONORED DEAD.

Name	Conf.	Died	Place of Burial
1—Bennett, J. W.....	1887	1913	Missoula
2—Berk, Alexis	1896	1896	Unknown
3—Canfield, Wm.	1891	1892	Virginia City
4—Clampitt, H. P.....	1887	1888	Butte
5—Comfort, George	1887	1908	Lanesboro, Pa.
6—Duncan, Hugh	1887	1887	Sheridan
7—Garvin, Thomas	1893	1901	Loyalton, Cal.
8—Hall, Marion J.	1887	1905	Los Angeles, Cal.
9—Hall, William	1887	1898	Pine Creek
10—Jenkins, G. W.	1888	1901	Philipsburg
11—Lowry, Philip	1888	1896	Anaconda
12—Mickel, L. H.	1892	1910	Bozeman
13—Miller, C. E.	1897	1909	Billings
14—Raleigh, A. D.	1887	1908	Helena
15—Rodger, Allan	1891	1904	Great Falls
16—Taft, H. S.	1889	1899	Columbia Falls
17—Van Scoy, Thomas	1898	1901	Helena
18—Warman, Henry	1892	1903	Glendive
19—Adams, C. P.	1912	1914	Sumatra
20—Ware, I. S.	1904	1915	Bozeman
21—Snyder, Wm. E.	1889	1915	Roseburg, Ore.
22—Tait, J. W.	1889	1918	Anaconda
23—Whiteley, Jno. M.	1909	1919	Glendive

In case of misinformation, corrections will be welcomed by the Secretary.

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STATISTICAL TABLES, 1919

STATISTICIAN'S REPORT
BUTTE DISTRICT

STATISTICIAN'S REPORT--BUTTE DIST

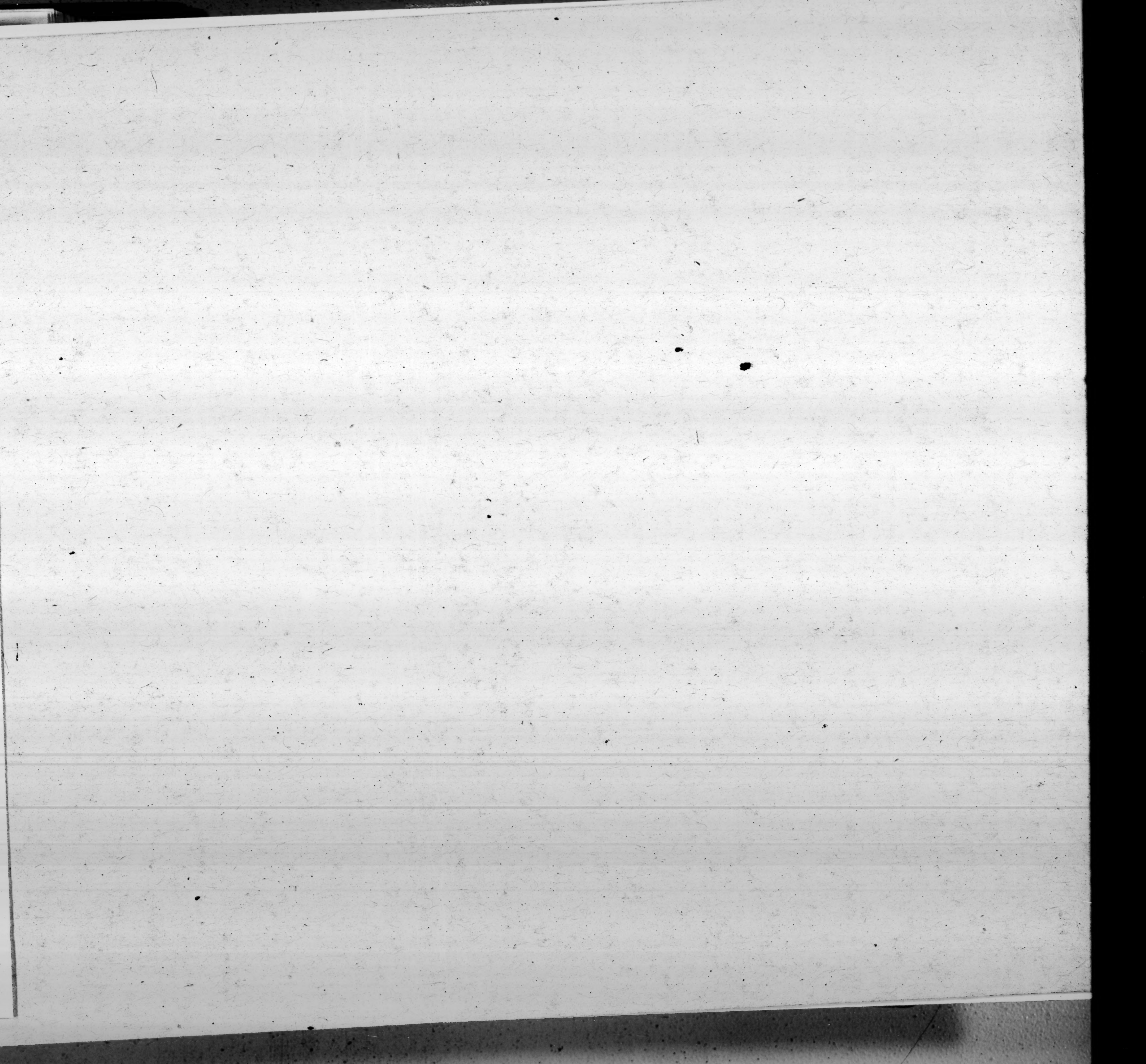
List No.	NAME OF CHARGE	NAME OF PASTOR	Ministerial Support										Total Paid for Ministerial Support	Total Deficiency	No. on Charge
			Support of Pastor			Support of Dist. Supt.		Support of Bishops		Support of Conf. Cl'm'nts					
			Total Cl'm, Inc. House Rent	Total Paid, Inc. House Rent	Rental Value of Parsonage	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid				
1	Anaconda	Chas. F. Wolfe	2300	2300	500	180	180	36	36	90	90	2606			
2	Avon and Marysville	C. G. Hannan													
3	Big Blackfoot Circuit														
4	Butte: Grace	G. M. Carter	2040	2040	540	150	150	30	30	90	90	2310			
5	Italian Mission														
6	Mt. Bethel & Wesley	T. R. Clarkson	1300	1300	300	100	100	20	20	50	50	1470			
7	Mountain View	Geo. D. Wolfe	3300	3300	600	270	270	50	50	150	150	3770			
8	Trinity	H. A. James	1500	1500	300	120	120	24	24	72	72	1716			
9	Unity & Silver Bow	F. C. Fulford	1575	1575	200	137	137	22	22	66	71	1805			
10	Clancy & Jefferson	Ira F. Rankin	400	400		30	30	7	7	24	24	461			
11	Dillon	H. G. Humphrey	2480	2480	480	200	200	43	43	120	120	2810			
12	Dillon Circuit														
13	Drummond & Hall	T. H. Barker	1250	1250	250	100	100	20	20	50	50	1420			
14	Hamilton & Sula	Charles Rhodes	1140	1140	240	80	80	18	18	54	54	1532			
15	Helena: Oakes Street	W. H. Pascoe	1100	1100	300	80	80	16	16	40	40	1236			
16	St. Paul's	C. M. Donaldson	2200	2200	400	180	180	36	36	108	108	2524			
17	Meadow Creek	Louis Ortmayer	1090	1024	240	85	60	15	5	51	20	1109	132		
18	Missoula	Charles D. Crouch	2360	2360	360	200	200	42	42	120	120	2722			
19	Philipsburg	W. H. Calvert	600	600	100	48	48	9	9	25	25	582			
20	Ronan	W. I. Greer	1244	794	144	70	40		1		2	794	450		
21	St. Ignatius	W. S. Tester	800	630		40	40	10	10	36	36	710	84		
22	Sheridan & Ruby	Otho Wise	1240	1240	240	30	80	8	8	20	20	1348			
23	Stevensville	P. D. Hartman		400		40	40	8	8	49	49	497			
24	Superior & Alberton	L. E. Simes	800	809	200	60	60	12	12	36	36	917			
25	Thompson & Plains	A. E. Plummer	1250	1250	250	70	70	20	12	60	36	1368	32		
26	Three Forks	Wilder Nutting	720	720	120	60	60	10	10	30	30	820			
27	Townsend	C. E. Cunningham	1300	1300	200	120	120	17	17	66	66	1420			
28	Twin Bridges	R. R. Kletzing	970	971	150	82	82	16	16	49	49	1118			
29	Whitehall	F. T. Spencer	1200	1200	200	115	115	20		60		1315	80		
30	Winston	William Koehler													
	Totals for 1919		34159	33883	6314	2697	2642	509	472	1516	1408	38380	778		
	Totals for 1918		33590	33902	6305	2528	2522	508	465	1250	1160	37137	320		
	Increase		569		9	169	120	1	7	266	248	1243	458		
	Decrease			19											

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Local Preachers No. on Charge	Baptisms		Church Membership					Sunday Schools		Epworth League		Church Property										Gen. Conf. Expenses			List No.		
	Adults Baptized	Children Baptized	Baptized Children Under Instruction	Pre- paratory	Full Members			Total Enrollment in all Departments	Officers and Teachers	Sunday Schools	Senior Members	Junior Members	Church Buildings	Estimated Value of Land & Bldgs.	Parsonages	Estimated Value of Land & Bldgs.	Pd. for Bldgs. & Imp's Ch'ches & P's'nages	Pd. on Old Indebted- ness in Churches and Parsonages	Present Indebtedness Ch'ches & P's'nages	Current Expenses	Apportioned for the Quadrrenium	Paid this Year	Balance Due for the Quadrrenium				
					Deaths during Year	Non-Resident Members	Full Members on Roll																	Now on Roll		Received During Year	
1	1	18	37	72	37	370	44	2	1	23	350	31		1	25000	1	6500			1240	2295				1		
									2	4	34			2		1										2	
	7	7		1		111	5	2	1	14	193	30		1	10000	2	7000	164	500	1061						3	
											76															4	
6	4	48		8	20	65		3	2	24	324	15	121	2	3300	1	1250	366		196			7			5	
3	8	20	20	21		625		6	1	35	718	54		1	30000	1	5000	275		3500	48	12			6		
1	1	15	12	15	12	130	6	3	1	22	307	40	35	1	10000	1	2500	455		415	24	9			7		
	1	35	30	24	14	133	5	6	2	21	307	64	65	2	17000			941		520		6			8		
		1				46	8		1	8	45															9	
	5	16	22	5	5	203		4	1	24	179	42		2	2500	1	1000									10	
														1	10000	2	10000	140		3600	30	30				11	
														2		1										12	
	2	7	7	20	7	80			2	18	145	35	21	3	5000	1	2000	140		1700	20	5				13	
	1	4	11	2	5	109	18	4	2	22	140	17	11	1	3000	1	2500	130	20	130	18	5				14	
3	3	4		14		62		2	1	12	112	19		1	4000	1	2500	1500	750	167		6				15	
2	36	18	12	18	34	436	86	3	1	22	280	135		1	40000	1	6000	554	805	1322		14				16	
1	2		3	2	1	35	1	2	2	12	96			3	5200	1	2000			80		1				17	
	3	11	5	10	5	416	20	4	2	44	538	72		2	52000	1	5000	500		4000	36	10				18	
	4			13	40	43		2	1	12	121			1	5000	1	1000	186		95	4	4				19	
		4				58			2	16	170			2	4000	1	300									20	
				13		29			3	19	128			1	2000				50	100							21
	2	5	4	4		52	2	2	2	11	147			3	5450	2	2500	500		1460							22
1	2	1		7		115		2	1	6	75	35	10	1	3500	1	2500	68		110							23
	2			1		33	9		2	21	145			2	4500	1	1100										24
	1	1		11	17	43	9	1	4	28	228			3	6000	1	2500	850	550								25
		2		1		51	35		1	10	92			1	13000	1	400	4124		133		2					26
1			6	3	6	120	20	3	3	22	165			2	4500	1	2000	100	120	200							27
		3	3	2	5	64		1	3	13	102	33	17	1	1000	1	900	40		80	16	16					28
	2	3	8	8	5	35	4	1	2	14	106	12	20	2	7000	1	2000	200		100							29
						24	2		2	6	30			1	1000												30
19	87	228	180	275	213	3488	274	53	48	483	5353	634	300	46	273950	28	68450	7109	4999	3260	21199	196	127				
19	91	291	107	312	209	3380	258	34	52	538	5693	567	313	46	269700	28	62600	5269	1186	5700	51062	124	52				
			73	63	4	108	16	19				67			4250		5850	1840	3813			72	75				
	4	63							4	55	340		13							2440	29863						

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List No.	NAME OF CHARGE	NAME OF PASTOR	Ministerial Support										
			Support of Pastor			Support of Dist. Supt.		Support of Bishops		Support of Conf. Cl'm'n'ts		Total Paid for Min- isterial Support	Total Deficiency
			Total Cl'm, House Rent	Total Paid, Inc. House Rent	Rental Value of Parsonage	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid		
1	Alzada Circuit												
2	Ashland and Birney	P. B. Fritch											
3	Baker	H. E. Chappell	1260	1260	300	96	96	20	20	58	58	1434	
4	Big Timber & Reed Point	T. L. McCutcheon	540	540	180	36	36	6	4	18	6	586	15
5	Billings	J. O. Randall	3500	3500	500	300	300	61	61	180	180	4041	
6	Bloomfield	Frank Peters											
7	Bozeman	R. P. Smith	2200	2650	400	180	180	45	45	108	108	2983	
8	Bridger & Fromberg	E. D. Swisher	2120	2120	420	170	170	34	34	102	102	2426	
9	Clyde Park												
10	Comanche Circuit	W. A. Parkinson	930	763	180	75	58	15	7	45	20	848	217
11	Edwards												
12	Fairview Circuit	H. M. Cooper	1300	1300	300	100	100	22	5	60	10	1415	67
13	Forsyth	W. C. Smith	1300	1300	300	100	120	17	17	60	60	1497	
14	Glendive	J. G. Ross	2000	2000	500	150	150	37	37	90	75	2262	15
15	Hardin	C. E. Fenton	1180	1180	130	105		12	12	50	50		
16	Huntley Circuit	Fred Whitford	1500	1500	300	120	120	28	28	60	60	1708	
17	Ingomar Circuit	W. C. Smith		220			17						
18	Laurel & Joliet	O. G. Ponath	1600	1430	300	130	93	23	16	33	24	1563	222
19	Lake Basin												
20	Livingston	T. H. Martin	1740	1740	240	150	135	30	26	90	50	1921	59
21	Miles City	Thomas Hardie	1900	1900	400	150	150	30	30	90	75	2155	15
22	Park City	A. T. Peck	820	820	120	70	50	15	15	30	30	915	
23	Pine Creek	W. G. R. Dann	1100	1200	200	90	100	20		54		1300	74
24	Red Lodge and Circuit	E. C. Bartlett	1400	1400	300	150	150	26	26	65	65	2034	
25	Richey Circuit												
26	Sidney	A. D. Welch	1500	1500	300	120	120	24	24	72	72	1716	
27	Wibaux	A. L. Hurlbut											
28	Wilsall	Thomas Miller	1616	1616	216	140	140	29	29	84	84	1869	
		Totals for 1919	29906	30339	5586	2432	2285	494	436	1349	1129	32473	684
		Totals for 1918	31380	29855	6378	2443	2181	574	440	1197	933	32959	2088
		Increase		484			104			152	196		
		Decrease	1474		792	11		80	4			486	1404

RECAPITULATION BLANK--

1	Butte	Chas. L. Bovard	34159	33883	6314	2697	2642	509	472	1516	1408	38380	778	
2	Yellowstone	Edward Smith	29906	30339	5586	2432	2285	494	436	1349	1129	32473	684	
		Grand Totals 1919	64065	64222	11900	5129	4927	1003	908	2865	2537	70853	1462	
		Grand Totals 1918	64970	62947	12683	4971	4703	1082	905	2447	2093	70096	2318	
		Increase		1275		158	224		3	418	444			
		Decrease	905		783			79				757	856	

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Local Preachers No. on Charge.....	Baptisms			Church Membership				Sunday Schools		Epworth League		Church Property								Gen. Conf. Expenses		List No.....	
	Adults Baptized.....	Children Baptized.....	Baptized Children Under Instruction..	Pre- paratory	Full Members			Officers and Teachers.....	Total Enrollment in all Departments.....	Senior Members	Junior Members.....	Church Buildings.....	Estimated Value of Land & Bldgs.....	Parsonages.....	Estimated Value of Land & Bldgs.....	Pd. for Bldgs. & Imp's Ch'ches & P's'nages	Present Indebtedness Ch'ches & P's'nages	Current Expenses.....	Paid this Year.....	Balance Due for the Quadrennium...	Apportioned for the Quadrennium.....		
					Full Members on Roll.....	Non-Resident Members.....	Deaths during Year.....																
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	2	14		11	8	25	1		10	31			1	1800	1	1000							2
		1	4			59	12		1	6			2	350	1	2500	390	194	1415				3
						12			1	50			1	200	1	1000	100						4
2	10	25		18		1190	210	12	2	65	150	1	80000	1	5000	2055	8500	6068		10			5
						51	12		1	8			1		950								6
	2	5	1	6		280	75	5	1	20	70	20	1	12500	1	1500	200		3600	45	27		7
	1	2		4	90		2	1	3	30			3	12000	1	2500	70	120	225	10			8
						39	15		1	8	40	8	1	1500	1	1500							9
	1	4		2		55	9		2	18		12	1	1800	1	1200			105	2			10
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	35	15	10	50	14	114	8	1	1	11	25		2	3000	1	1500	600	162	1000	100			12
	12	10	10	15	5	165	20	2	1	14	22		2	7000	1	3000	640		800		5		13
	11	13		18		166	27	3	1	31	40	34	1	25000	1	4000	135	3912	2166	30	5		14
		5		1	1	71	5	1	2	23			1	6500				2000	200				15
		9		3	17	150	15	3	3	48	30	16	3	10700	1	3000	175	100	4	1650	28	5	16
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		10		11	1	281	4	3	1	21	46	27	1	9500	1	1500	75		650	2108	24	4	20
1		8		26		225	75	1	1	18	50		1	35000	1	5000	1000		7000	2500	28	7	21
			4			24	1	1	4	20	17		2	3000	1	1000			775				22
						86		2	2	16	25	28	1	3500	1	2000			1700				23
	3	6		8		99	7	2	2	19	14	25	3	7000	1	3000			1792		32		24
						16	7		1	6			1	4000	1	2000							25
2	3	6	9	11	11	112	8	4	1	11	20		1	4000	1	2000	71		377		24		26
						40			3	10			1	1800	2	1200							27
		7				87			3	20	40		1	1500		250	25		2010		2		28
5	81	141	52	190	75	3529	513	43	43	460	634	265	35	241650	23	48100	3481	6843	20054	27751	155	137	
12	71	182	382	233	221	3590	435	17	51	490	572	383	34	239268	21	47250	6346	7375	23725	42738	158	68	
	10						78	26			62		1	2382	2	850						69	
7		41	330	43	146	61			8	30							2865	532	3671	14987	3		

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19	87	228	180	275	213	3488	274	53	48	483	5353	634	300	46	273950	28	68450	7109	4999	3260	21199	196	127	1
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24	168	369	232	465	288	7017	787	96	91	943	9788	1268	565	81	515600	51	116550	10590	11842	23314	48950	351	264	
31	162	473	489	545	430	6870	693	51	103	1028	11067	1139	696	80	508968	50	109850	11615	8561	29425	93800	282	120	
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7		104	257	80	142				12	85	1279		131					1025		6111	44850			

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS—BUTTE DISTRICT

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

NAME OF CHARGE	List No.	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars, not including Home Dept. and Cradle Roll	Members in Home Department	Children on the Cradle Roll	Total all Depts. Inc. Cradle Roll & Home Dept. Of'ers & T'chrs	Average Attendance of all Grades	Officers and Teachers, Members or Probationers	Scholars, Members or Probationers	Members of School Converted	Accessions from Sunday School	Collections Church	Collections Sunday School	Collections Missionary Offering	S. S. Exp.: Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.	List No.
1 Anaconda	1	1	23	286	30	34	360	168	23	102	72	35	36	18	10	240	1
2 Avon and Marysville	2	2	4				34										2
3 Big Blackfoot Circuit	3																3
4 Butte: Grace	1	1	14	172		21	193	123	14	15				20		109	4
5 Italian Mission							76										5
6 Mt. Bethel & Wesley	2	2	24	250	50	20	344	150	22	20	25	2		5		134	6
7 Mountain View	1	1	35	435	126	122	718	260	35	250	21	1	26	35		623	7
8 Trinity	1	1	22	250		35	307	150	18	50	11	15	6		6	217	8
9 Unity & Silver Bow	2	2	21	150		15	307	180	17	80	25	15		16		251	9
10 Clancy & Jefferson	1	1	8	45			45	25	6								10
11 Dillon	1	1	24	149		20	179	106	16	29	3	2	25	5	8	205	11
12 Dillon Circuit	6	6	18	120			120										12
13 Drummond & Hall	2	2	18	120		7	145	75	23	30	14	7	10		9	70	13
14 Hamilton & Sula	2	2	22	130		10	162	85	22	46			7		5	75	14
15 Helena: Oakes Street	1	1	12	91		9	112	70	12		10	9		5		70	15
16 St. Paul's	1	1	22	235	12	11	280	208	21	160	49	40				200	16
17 Meadow Creek	2	2	12	86	10		96	56	9	25	2	2			2	47	17
18 Missoula	2	2	44	424	36	34	538	261	40	210	3	3	110	117	16	320	18
19 Philipsburg	1	1	12	80	4	25	121	46	11	12	4	4			5	68	19
20 Ronan	2	2	16	140	10	20	170	95	8	20	3	3		2		90	20
21 St. Ignatius	3	3	19	128		12		80	19								21
22 Sheridan & Ruby	2	2	11	136			147	82	11	38	9	7		10		104	22
23 Stevensville	1	1	6	75			83	60	6	50	2	2	12				23
24 Superior & Albion	2	2	21	145		18	145	95	6	9						72	24
25 Thompson & Plains	4	4	28	175		25	228	130	22	38	14	14				140	25
26 Three Forks	1	1	10	81			92	54	10	8						40	26
27 Townsend	3	3	22	150		15	165	120	20		3	3					27
28 Twin Bridges	3	3	13	71		18	102	56	9	24	5				1	60	28
29 Whitehall	2	2	14	86	3	3	106	75	12	12	8	1		6		115	29
30 Winston	2	2	6				30										30
Totals for 1919	54	501	4210	281	281	474	5405	2810	412	1265	283	165	241	239	62	3250	
Totals for 1918	52	538	4524	376	376	502	5693	2865	477	1038	185	158	71	107	54	2915	
Increase	2			5	5					227	98	7	170	132	8	335	
Decrease		37	314			28	288	55	65								

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS—YELLOWSTONE DISTRICT

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

NAME OF CHARGE	List No.	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars, not including Home Dept. and Cradle Roll	Members in Home Department	Children on the Cradle Roll	Total all Depts. Inc. Cradle Roll & Home Dept. Of'ers & T'chrs	Average Attendance of all Grades	Of'ers & T'chrs, Mem- bers or Probationers	Scholars, Members or Probationers	Members of School Converted	Accessions from Sunday School	Collections Church	Collections Sunday School	Collections Missionary Offering	S. S. Exp.: Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.	List No.																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																											
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		Missions						Freedmen's Aid Society	Board of Sunday Schools		Board of Education		American Bible Society	Bd. of Temperance, Prohibition, and Public Morals	Board
		Board of For- eign Missions			Bd. Home Mis. & Church Ex.				Church	Sunday Schools	Public Ed. Collection	Children's Day Fund			
		Church	Sunday Schools	Special Gifts	Church	Sunday Schools	Special Gifts								
1	Anaconda	389			389		100	42	36		144	20	18		18
2	Avon and Marysville														
3	Big Blackfoot Circuit														
4	Butte: Grace	132			132			23	20		120		10		10
5	Italian Mission														
6	Mt. Bethel & Wesley	86			86			11		10	80	6	5		5
7	Mountain View	848			849			72	26	35	203	20	31		31
8	Trinity	33	60		94			20	10	7	96	5	8		8
9	Unity & Silver Bow	73			72			19		16	92	10	8		8
10	Clancy & Jefferson	59	12		60	10		6		5			2		2
11	Dillon	392			295			29	25		160	10	12		12
12	Dillon Circuit														
13	Drummond & Hall	251	45		201	36		11	10	9	80	5	5		5
14	Hamilton & Sula	130	20		130	20		14	7	5	72	5	6		6
15	Helena: Oakes Street	24			25			11	10		64		5		5
16	St. Paul's	773			772			53	45		150		23		23
17	Meadow Creek	49			48			11		9	48	6	5		5
18	Missoula	800	136		800	137		69	60	183	195	38	35		30
19	Philipsburg	55			55			8		7	48	3	4		4
20	Ronan	50	15		50	15		1		8	3	2	1		1
21	St. Ignatius	40			40			4	3		32		5		5
22	Sheridan & Ruby	201			201			11		10	64		5		5
23	Stevensville	74	9		73	9		14	12		40		6		6
24	Superior & Alberton	28	22		29	21		7	2	4	48		3		3
25	Thompson & Plains							11	10		54		5		5
26	Three Forks							8	8		25		4		4
27	Townsend	99			100			11	9		96		5		5
28	Twin Bridges	34	5		33	5		11	9	1	60	8	5		5
29	Whitehall							8			80	8	3		2
30	Winston	158			158										
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List No.	GRAND TOTAL	Other Cash Items										Other Benevolences									
		General Conference Expenses	Support of Conference Claimants	Support of Bishops	Support of District Superintendent	Central Office Expenses of Epworth League	Conference Claimants	Total	Other Benevolences	Montana Children's Home	Missionary Policy of Epworth League	Montana Deaconess School	Hospital	Educational Endowments, Buildings, etc.	Total Disciplinary Benevolences	City Missionary or Church Extension Society	Woman's Home Mis. Soc.—Supplies	Woman's Home Mis. Soc.—Cash	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society		
1	3080		90	36	180			1433	61		37		20	1315	1341			77	103		
2	106							106						106							
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4	3937		90	30	150			3217	3107				10	100	450						
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6	467	7	50	20	100										290						
7	6357	12	150	50	270	3		2023	70		73		550	1330	3849		279	1446			
8	847	9	72	24	120	4		274			31			243	344						
9	617	6	71	22	137	2		76	1		25			50	303			2			
10	383		24	7	30			165						165	157						
11	3515	30	120	43	200	2		2064						2064	1056		14	104			
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13	879	5	50	20	100	2		34	25		9				665		3	3			
14	2282	5	54	18	80	2		1637	50		5	1044	144	362	486			69			
15	483	6	40	16	80	4		192	7					185	145						
16	3885	14	108	36	180			1311	15			172		1124	2236		92	298			
17	835	1	20	5	60			560	290					270	189		7				
18	8545	10	120	42	200	9		5178	4082					1096	2986	333		161			
19	297	4	25	9	48			21	15					6	190						
20	335		1	1	40			146						146	147						
21	216		36	10	40										130						
22	1219		20	8	80			613						613	498						
23	858		49	8	40	5		511				240		271	245						
24	352		36	12	60			76						76	168						
25	408		36	12	70			204						204	86						
26	489	2	30	10	60			337	6			114		217	50						
27	1091		66	17	60			622	181					441	326						
28	610	16	49	16	82	3		267						267	177						
29	664		26		115	4		417	57		6			354	102						
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		Church.....	Sunday Schools.....	Special Gifts.	Church.....	Sunday Schools.....	Special Gifts.								
1	Ashland and Birney.....														
2	Baker.....	30	23				4	2	2	76		2	2		
3	Big Timber & Reed Point.....									20					
4	Billings.....	200	64	837	1000	124	86		74	244		37	37		
5	Bloomfield.....														
6	Bozeman.....	450	95		545		42	36	4	144	10	18	18		
7	Bridger & Fromberg.....	55	55		56	55	22		19	136		10	10		
8	Clyde Park.....														
9	Comanche Circuit.....	23	16	52			8	7	2	44	1	4	4		
10	Fairview Circuit.....	1			1		10		8	44		3	3		
11	Forsyth.....	100	87	90	193		23	20		80	11	10	10		
12	Glendive.....	97		32	100	28	25	6	15	96		11	11		
13	Hardin.....	8					11	9		80		5	5		
14	Huntley Circuit.....	50	17	120	100	88	22		19	96		9	9		
15	Ingomar.....	25													
16	Laurel Circuit.....	124	37		125	37	15		13	72		7	7		
17	Livingston.....	15	65		82		28		24	104	10	12	12		
18	Miles City.....	275			276		32	28		120		14	14		
19	Park City.....	100	41		100	42	9	7		25		4	4		
20	Pine Creek.....	88	44		88	44	16		14	80	5	7	7		
21	Red Lodge.....	100	56		100	56	15		13	88	7	6	6		
22	Red Lodge Circuit.....	38			38		10		10	34		2	2		
23	Sidney.....	138			135		11	10		96	5	5	5		
24	Wibaux.....	15	9	86	15										
25	Wilsall.....	119			105		7	6		20	3	3	3		
	Totals.....	2051	609	1217	3059	474	396	131	217	1699	52	169	169		
	Increase.....	729	49	122	1722	223	182	85	50	450		85	66		
	Decrease.....										20				

RECAPITULATION, MO

Yellowstone	2051	609	1217	3059	474		396	131	217	1699	52	169	169	
Butte	4778	324		4692	253	100	485	302	309	2054	146	219	213	
Total	6829	933	1217	7751	727	100	881	433	526	3753	198	388	382	1
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Conference as now established, and as the same may from time to time be established, changed, modified, and maintained; to maintain, carry on, and conduct the preaching and dissemination of the gospel of Jesus Christ within the boundaries and jurisdiction of said Conference, and throughout the world, and to that end co-operate with other conferences, associations, and institutions; to establish, erect, maintain, carry on and conduct and aid in establishing, erecting, maintaining, carrying on, and conducting schools, colleges, universities, hospitals, and other eleemosynary, benevolent, charitable, and religious institutions and enterprises; to receive devises, bequests, legacies, donations, and funds and accept and discharge trusts and agencies for or on behalf of, or in aid of, any and all such or similar institutions, enterprises, and causes, and generally to do and perform any and all things that may be convenient or proper in promoting, maintaining, and furthering all benevolent, charitable, and religious works, enterprises and measures authorized or that may be authorized by the general or local laws, rules, and regulations of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and to purchase or otherwise acquire, and to sell, or otherwise dispose of, and encumber such property, real, personal, and mixed, as may from time to time be necessary, proper, or convenient for the purpose or any of the purposes aforesaid.

Third: The number of trustees of said corporation for the first year of the corporate existence of such corporation is three.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We hereunto set our hands the twenty-sixth day of August, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and ten.

L. H. MICKEL,
S. A. OLIVER,
JACOB MILLS.

State of Montana.
County of Lewis and Clark.

On this twenty-sixth day of August, in the year nineteen hundred and ten, before me, Massena Bullard, a Notary Public for the State of Montana, personally appeared L. H. Mickel, S. A. Oliver, and Jacob Mills, known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Notarial Seal, the day and year in this certificate first above written.

MASSENA BULLARD,

Notary Public for the State of Montana, residing
at Helena, Mont. My commission expires
January 23, 1912.

BY-LAWS OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF MONTANA

Article I.

The Board of Trustees—The Board of Trustees, after the first year, shall number not less than three nor more than seven, all of whom reside within the bounds of the said Conference and shall be over twenty-one

years of age, a majority of whom shall be members of the said Conference; the minority shall be lay members of the said church; all of whom shall be chosen by the Annual Conference of the said church. The financial and secular business of the corporation shall be under their management.

Article II.

Officers of the Board of Trustees—The officers of the Board of Trustees shall consist of a President, Secretary, and Treasurer, all of whom shall be elected annually by ballot at the first meeting of the Board of Trustees after election of members by the Annual Conference and whose term of office will terminate at the election and qualification of their successors.

Article III.

Duties of Officers—Section 1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside when present at all meetings of the Board of Trustees, appoint committees, call special meetings of the Board of Trustees as occasion may require, sign orders on the Treasurer for the payment of money and during the interim between meetings have general supervision of the affairs of the Board of Trustees, and to execute all legal papers on behalf of the corporation as provided by law.

Sec. 2. The duties of the Vice-President shall be to preside at all meetings of the Board of Trustees in the absence of the President and perform all other duties of the President in his absence.

Sec. 3. The duties of the Secretary shall be to keep a correct journal of the proceedings of all meetings of the Board of Trustees in a record book provided for that purpose and to take charge of and preserve all papers and documents belonging to his office, and to attend all legal papers of the corporation. He shall deliver to his legal successor or to the Board of Trustees when requested all books and papers of the corporation. He shall deliver to his legal successor or to the Board of Trustees when requested all books and papers in his possession belonging to said Board.

Sec. 4. The duties of the Treasurer shall be to receive and take charge of, under the direction of the Board of Trustees, all moneys received by the corporation and to pay out the same on the order of the President. He shall also keep an account of all moneys received by him, showing from what source received, and of all moneys paid out by him and render a full report of the transactions of the financial condition of his office to the Board of Trustees at its annual meeting, and at such other times as he may be directed by said board. He shall furnish, if required, by the Board of Trustees, before receiving any of the funds of the Conference, a fidelity bond in such amount as the Board of Trustees may direct from time to time, to cover the faithful performance of his duties. These bonds shall be made payable to the Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Montana, and shall be executed by some responsible bonding company approved by the Board of Trustees, and the cost of said bonds shall be paid by this corporation. All moneys received by the Treasurer shall be deposited forthwith by him in some bank or other institution of

deposit, subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees and he shall furnish a certified duplicate certificate of deposit to the chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees for each deposit as soon as made.

RULES OF THE MONTANA ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

The Duties of the President.

1. The President shall see that all business pertaining to the Conference shall be brought forward and conducted in a proper manner, according to the provisions of the Discipline and Rules of the Conference.

2. He shall preserve order in all proceedings; and in debates shall keep the speakers to the question, and call them to order when they wander from the point, or from rules of order, or use any improper language.

3. He shall appoint all committees unless otherwise decided by the Conference, in which case the appointment shall be made by ballot or nomination, at the discretion of the Conference, no member thereof being permitted to nominate more than one person for the same committee.

4. When two or more members shall rise and address the President at the same time, he shall decide which of them is entitled to the floor.

The Duties of the Secretary.

1. The Secretary shall record all answers to questions of law; also rulings made by the President in the transaction of the business of the Conference, and to keep a fair and correct record of its proceedings to be read at the commencement of each session thereafter subject to the correction of the Conference.

2. He shall carefully preserve the journals and papers of the Conference placed in custody, and shall not permit any person but a member to examine the same, nor shall he allow a member to make a transcript from either without the permission of the Conference and he shall also produce the journal and papers at the next annual session of the Conference.

3. He shall also, after the close of the Conference, make an appendix at the end of the journal in which he shall record all documents which shall be ordered by the Conference to be so recorded (the motion on which shall be taken without debate) and documents so recorded shall be referred to on the journal of the Conference.

The Duties and Privileges of Members.

1. Every member who would speak should rise in his place and respectfully address the President, refraining from all personalities and indecorous language; but no member shall speak more than once on the same question (except to explain) until every member choosing shall have spoken; nor longer than fifteen minutes, without permission of the Conference.

2. When a member shall be called to order by the President or any member he shall take his seat until the question be decided by the President; nevertheless, he shall be allowed an appeal to the Conference which shall decide without debate.

3. Any member may call for the division of a question, which shall be granted when, in the judgment of the President, the sense will admit of it; and every member present shall vote on all questions unless excused by the Conference.

Questions to Be Taken Without Debate.

A motion simply to adjourn. Motion to lie on the table.

STANDING RULES.

1. Applicants for admission on trial shall not be over 35 years of age.
2. In view of the increasing number of claimants on our superannuate fund, the District Superintendents shall not encourage the transfer, and the Bishops are respectfully requested not to transfer any men to this Conference who are not in sound health and who are over forty years of age.
3. After September 1, 1912, candidates for admission on trial into full connection and for election to elder's orders must bring up all books to be read and all books studied without condition.

MISCELLANEOUS RULES.

Section 1.

1. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order.
2. When a question has been decided, any member who may have voted in the majority on said question may move for a reconsideration thereof.
3. When the reading of a paper is called for, and the same is objected to by a member, the question shall be determined by a vote of the Conference.
4. A motion may be withdrawn by the mover at any time before decision thereon or amendment thereto.
5. It shall always be in order at any time during the discussion of a proposition before the Conference (except during the examination of character), to move that the question be put without debate, and, if the motion is sustained by two-thirds of the members present and voting, the debate shall at once cease, and the question shall be put.
6. No motion shall be entertained unless seconded, and all motions and resolutions shall be reduced to writing, if desired by the President or Secretary, or any member of the Conference.
7. No matter of business, other than that which pertains to the ordinary business of the Conference, shall be read by the Secretary, until the subject of it is stated by the introducer.
8. When the report of the committee is under consideration, the chairman or a member of the committee selected by the committee or its chairman, shall be entitled to close the debate, and the representative of the committee shall not be deprived of his rights to close the debate even by the ordering of a previous question. If the motion to lay on the table the report, or any part of it, be made, the representative of the committee may

elect to speak before that motion is put, or to reserve his right and speak on the final question.

9. The yeas and nays shall be called and recorded on any question on the demand of fifteen members.

10. On the first day of the session at two o'clock the list of appointments shall be called and the preachers in charge requested to report collections to Treasurer and statistical reports to Statistical Secretary, and on the second morning after the approval of the minutes, the names of all who have not reported shall be called, and a proper excuse required.

11. When the call of districts for the passage of character is begun, it shall not be in order to interrupt the call for the transaction of other Conference business until all the districts are completed.

Section 2.

1. In all other preliminary matters not specified in the above rules the Conference shall be governed by the well-settled principles of common parliamentary law and rules of the General Conference, so far as they will apply to this body.

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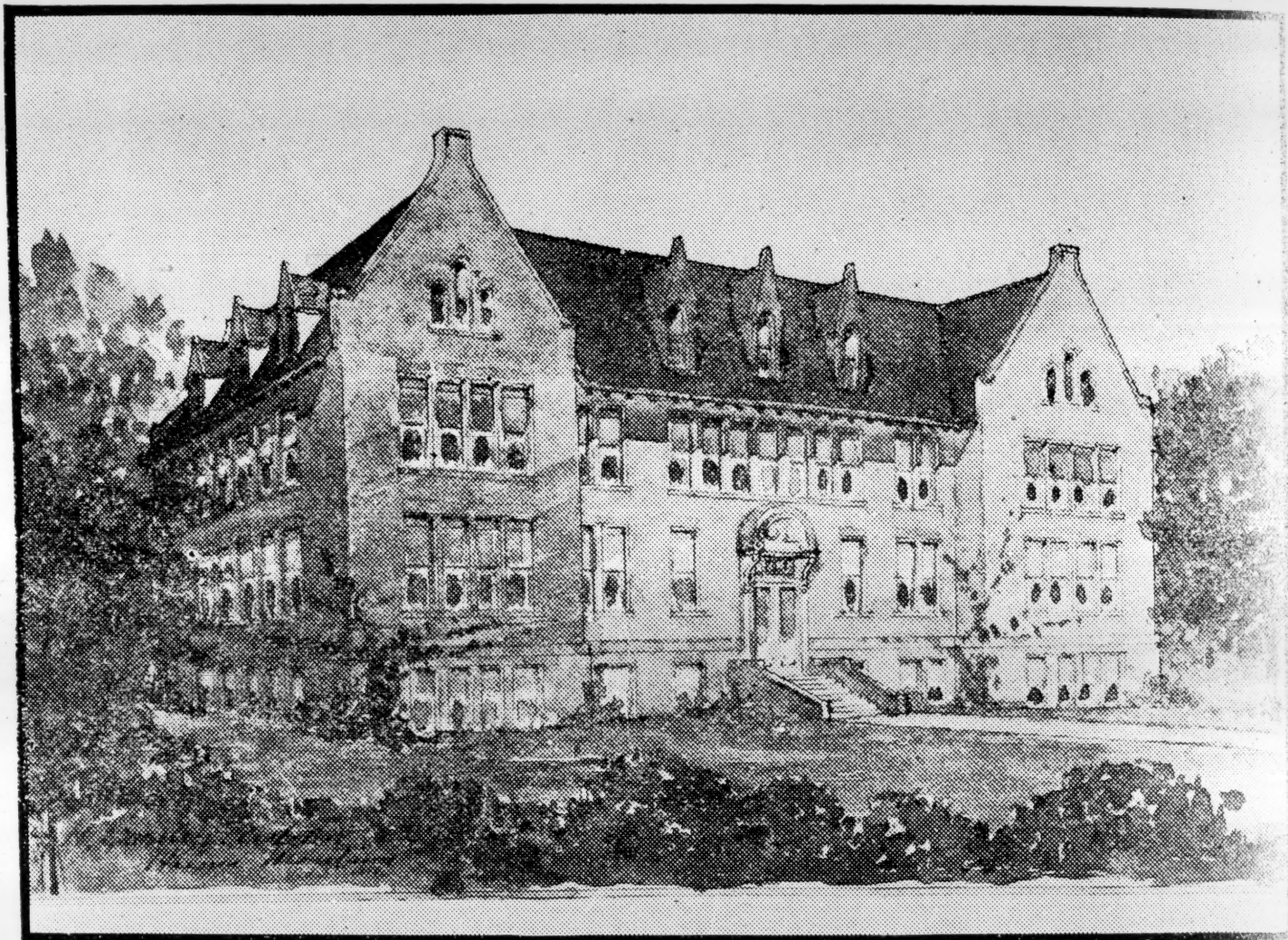
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I.

Chronology, Membership, Etc.

Mission and Conference Sessions

ROCKY MOUNTAIN CONFERENCE

Year	Day	PLACE	BISHOP	SECRETARY
1872	August	2 Salt Lake City, Utah..	Foster.....	J. M. Jameson
1873	July	31 Salt Lake City, Utah..	Peck.....	D. G. Strong
1874	August	13 Salt Lake City, Utah..	Bowman.....	D. G. Strong
1875	August	12 Salt Lake City, Utah..	Haven.....	D. G. Strong
1876	July	27 Helena, Mont.....	Harris.....	F. A. Riggin

MONTANA MISSION

1877	August	2 Bozeman.....	Bowman.....	L. W. B. Long
1878	August	2 Virginia City.....	Andrews.....	Hugh Duncan
1879	July	3 Butte.....	Merrill.....	W. C. Shippen
1880	July	23 Virginia City.....	Wiley.....	George Comfort
1881	July	21 Helena.....	Wiley.....	George Comfort
1882	July	21 Bozeman.....	Hurst.....	George Comfort
1883	August	15 Butte.....	Wiley.....	George Comfort
1884	September	25 Helena.....	Fowler.....	George Comfort
1885	July	9 Bozeman.....	Walden.....	George Comfort
1886	July	8 Dillon.....	Harris.....	W. A. Shannon

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1887	August	17 Butte.....	Foster.....	W. A. Shannon
1888	July	12 Missoula.....	Joyce.....	George Comfort
1889	July	4 Helena.....	Goodsell.....	George C. Stull
1890	July	24 Livingston.....	Vincent.....	George C. Stull
1891	July	20 Great Falls.....	Bowman.....	George C. Stull
1892	August	4 Anaconda.....	Walden.....	George C. Stull
1893	August	10 Bozeman.....	Fowler.....	George C. Stull
1894	August	9 Butte, Mountain View..	Joyce.....	Phillip Lowry
1895	August	22 Helena, St. Paul's.....	Ninde.....	Phillip Lowry
1896	August	13 Dillon.....	Warren.....	Phillip Lowry
1897	August	13 Butte, Trinity.....	Cranston.....	George D. King
1898	August	11 Anaconda.....	Mallalieu.....	George D. King
1899	August	9 Livingston.....	Joyce.....	George D. King
1900	August	8 Helena, St. Paul's.....	Fowler.....	George D. King
1901	August	7 Missoula.....	Fowler.....	George D. King
1902	August	7 Bozeman.....	Merrill.....	L. H. Mickel
1903	August	13 Livingston.....	McCabe.....	L. H. Mickel
1904	August	24 Butte, Grace.....	Berry.....	L. H. Mickel
1905	August	16 Dillon.....	Moore.....	L. H. Mickel
1906	August	16 Billings.....	Cranston.....	L. H. Mickel
1907	August	21 Anaconda.....	Moore.....	George D. King
1908	August	20 Miles City.....	McDowell.....	George D. King
1909	August	25 Butte, Mountain View..	Spellmeyer.....	C. E. Miller
1910	August	24 Helena, St. Paul's.....	McIntyre.....	George D. King
1911	August	21 Billings.....	Nuelsen.....	Edward L. Mills
1912	August	21 Missoula.....	Luccock.....	Paul M. Adams
1913	August	20 Bozeman.....	Luccock.....	Paul M. Adams
1914	August	26 Forsyth.....	Luccock.....	Paul M. Adams
1915	August	18 Butte.....	McConnell.....	Paul M. Adams
1916	August	16 Livingston.....	Cooke.....	Paul M. Adams
1917	August	22 Billings.....	Hamilton.....	Paul M. Adams
1918	August	21 Dillon.....	Shepard.....	Jno. M. Whitley
1919	August	20 Glendive.....	Cooke.....	Charles Rhodes
1920	August	25 Helena, St. Paul's.....	Burns.....	Charles Rhodes

CONFERENCE ROLL AND DIRECTORY

EFFECTIVE ELDERS	ADDRESS	Admitted on Trial in an Annual Conference		Received into Full Membership		Years Supernumerary	When Retired
		Where	When	Conference	When		
Adams, Paul M.	Helena	Montana	1902	Montana	1904		
Barker, Thos. H.	Drummond	Montana	1904	Montana	1906		
Bartlett, Edw. C.	Red Lodge	Upper Iowa	1902	Transfer	1909		
Bovard, Chas. L.	Helena (Dist. Supt.)	S. E. Indiana	1902	Transfer	1899		
Carter, Geo. M.		Montana	1915	Montana	1917		
Chappell, Harry E.	Baker	Puget Sound	1915	Transfer	1917		
Chirgwin, John	833 Broadway, Helena	Montana	1905	Montana	1907		
Crouch, Charles D.	12 S. Ewing, Helena	Montana	1899	Montana	1901		
Cooper, Harry M.	Fairview	Des Moines	1908	Transfer	1912		
Cunningham, C. E.	Sheridan	Arkansas	1886	Transfer	1899		
Dann, W. G. R.	Townsend	Puget Sound	1910	Montana	1916		
Donaldson, Chas. M.	Helena	Transfer	1914				
Fenton, C. E.	Clyde Park	Minnesota	1905	Transfer	1918		
Fulford, F. C.	2208 Yew St., McQ, Butte	N. W. Nebraska		Transfer	1911		
Hardie, Thomas	Miles City	Montana	1908	Montana	1910		
Humphrey, H. G.	Billings, (Dist. Supt.)	Montana	1910	Montana	1912		
James, Henry A.	Livingston	St. Louis	1901	Transfer	1915		
Kletzing, Russell R.	Missoula	N. W. Iowa	1884	Transfer	1895		
Lacklen, Jesse	Area Office, Helena	Wyoming State		Transfer	1919		
Mecklenburg, George	Hardin	N. Ohio	1907	Montana	1911		
Meeke, John A.	Hamilton	N. Montana	1911	Transfer	1913		
Miller, Thomas	Artisans Bldg., Portland, Ore	Montana	1904	Montana	1906	Three	
Mills, Edward L.	Room 263, No. 1, Madison Ave	N. Montana	1912	Transfer	1918		
Mitchell, J. H.	New York City	Montana	1902				
Papa, J. M. A.	Chicago, Ill.	Wilmington		Transfer	1915		
Parkinson, W. A.	Walkerville	N. Minnesota	1904	Credentials	1913		
Pascoe, W. H.	971 North Main, Butte	St. Louis	1895	Credentials	1903		
Pearson, K. O.	Jakes St., Helena	(M. E. South)					
Plummer, A. E.	Laurel	Montana	1911	Montana	1913		
Ponath, O. G.	315 N. Montana, Butte	N. Dakota		Transfer	1917		
Randall, Joshua O.	Helena	Rock River		Transfer	1919		
Reid, George	715 E. 2nd, Butte	N. Montana		Transfer	1919		
Rhodes, Charles	Glendive	England	1899	Montana	1911		
Ross, John G.		Credentials	1908				
		N. Montana	1908	Montana	1913		
		Transfer	1909				

Smith, Edward	Dillon	Columbia River	1893	Transfer	1899
Smith, R. P.	Bozeman	Montana	1895	Montana	1898
Smith, W. C.	Ingomar) P. O. Forsyth	Columbia River	1896	Transfer	1915
Stull, G. C.	U. S. Army	New Jersey	1882	Orig. Member	1887
Spencer, F. T.	Whitehall	Montana	1905	Montana	1907
Swisher, E. D.	Bridger	Cent. Illinois	1910	Montana	1913
		Transfer	1912		
Welch, Arthur D.	Sidney	Upper Iowa	1899	Transfer	1918
Whitford, Fred	Forsyth	Montana	1907	Montana	1909
Wolfe, Chas. F.	Anaconda	Montana	1913	Montana	1915
Wolfe, Geo. D.	Billings	Indiana	1880	Transfer	1910
SUPERNUMERARY					
Latham, F. M.	Laurel	S. Illinois		Transfer	1917
Linger, F. O.	Park City	Montana	1909	Montana	1912
Stephens, G. J.		N. Dakota	1908	Transfer	1914
RETIRED					
Badcon, J. A.	3216 W. 67 St. Seattle, Wash.			Transfer	1915
Calvert, W. H.	Wibaux, Mont.	Kentucky	1887	Transfer	1919
Hosking, John	Deer Lodge, Mont.	Mont. Mission	1885	Orig. Member	1910
Kershaw, Andrew	Route 1, Addy, Wash.			Transfer	1911
King, Geo. D.	Whitehall, Mont.	Cent. Illinois	1880	Orig. Member	1915
Mills, Jacob	Helena, Mont.	Mont. Mission	1882	Orig. Member	1914
Morrison, A. P.	1107 W. 47 St., Los Angeles, Cal.			Transfer	1911
Nutting, Wilder		Mont. Mission	1883	Orig. Member	1920
Oliver, S. A.	Boise, Idaho	Detroit	1884	Transfer	1915
Snider, S. E.	Box 74, McKeesport, Pa.	Upper Iowa	1872	Orig. Member	1899
UNDER-GRADUATES					
Third Year					
Ortmayer, Louis L.					
Rankin, Ira F.	McAllister	Montana	1918	Montana	
Trappolini, Amadeo		Montana	1916	Montana	
Second Year		Newark	1916	Transfer	
Peck, Aden T.	Park City	Montana	1917		
First Year					
Anstice, Fred	Phillipsburg	Montana	1920		
Hannon, Cecil G.	Wilsall	Montana	1920		
Knudson, Carl	(Winston) P. O. Helena	Montana	1920		
Wampler, W. L.	(Clancy) P. O. Helena	Montana	1920		
Woods, Hubert W.	Joliet	Montana	1920		

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DEACONESS BOARD

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For Two Years—Mrs. Geo. Mecklenburg, John Chirgwin, Judge F. B. Reynolds.

For Three Years—Mrs. J. F. Mills, Wm. Lutey, R. P. Smith.

President, H. G. Humphrey; Secretary, John Chirgwin.

BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

C. L. Bovard, Edward Smith, Frederick Spencer, Thomas Hardie, S. E. Dove, Thomas Layfield, R. J. Cunningham, Ralph Parmenter.

BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION

C. L. Bovard, H. G. Humphrey, J. O. Randall, W. H. Pascoe, F. C. Fulford, Chas. F. Wolfe, Charles Rhodes, William Lutey, F. B. Price, John Callow, B. K. Wheeler, J. H. Strain, C. E. Avery.

Officers—President, J. O. Randall; Vice-President, C. E. Avery; Secretary, F. C. Fulford; Treasurer, C. F. Wolfe.

Executive Committee—The officers and C. L. Bovard and Edward Smith.

STEWARDSHIP SECRETARIES

Butte District—Charles D. Crouch, District Secretary.

Butte Sub-District—Charles F. Wolfe.

Helena Sub-District—Charles M. Donaldson.

Missoula Sub-District—Jesse Lacklen.

Yellowstone District—A. D. Welch, District Secretary.

Billings Sub-District—E. C. Bartlett.

Glendive Sub-District—John G. Ross.

Livingston Sub-District—W. G. R. Dann.

Miles City Sub-District—W. C. Smith.

Episcopal Residence—C. L. Bovard, Edward Smith, C. M. Donaldson, Geo. D. Wolfe, Geo. Mecklenburg, Charles D. Crouch, George Bailey, J. V. Kohler.

Conference Boundaries—C. L. Bovard, Edward Smith, Paul M. Adams, G. Mecklenburg, Charles D. Crouch.

BOARD OF CHURCH LOCATION AND ERECTION

Butte District—C. L. Bovard, C. M. Donaldson, Paul M. Adams, G. A. Bailey, T. H. Barker.

Yellowstone District—Edward Smith, G. M. Carter, A. D. Welch, F. B. Reynolds, Andrew Seaberg.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

For One Year—Geo. D. Wolfe, H. A. James, R. J. Cunningham, C. E. Avery.

For Two Years—R. P. Smith, A. D. Welch, John Inch, Guy E. Marvin.

For Three Years—Geo. Mecklenburg, C. E. Fenton, D. R. McRae, E. E. Collins.

BOARD OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS

George Mecklenburg, H. G. Humphrey, C. E. Fenton, E. D. Elderkin, C. M. Donaldson, J. B. Montgomery.

COMMISSION ON FINANCE

George Mecklenburg, E. D. Swisher, J. G. Ross, E. C. Bartlett, Thomas Hardie, G. E. Marvin, J. H. Inch, B. A. Winans.

TRUSTEES MONTANA WESLEYAN COLLEGE

For Term Ending March, 1921—Jesse Lacklen and J. V. Kohler.

For Term Ending March, 1922—Charles D. Crouch, H. G. Humphrey.

For Term Ending March, 1923—R. P. Smith and Edward L. Mills.

TRUSTEES KIMBALL SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

Geo. D. Wolfe, Charles D. Crouch. Conference Visitors, C. L. Bovard, H. G. Humphrey.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS

John A. Meeke, Chairman; Thos. Hardie, Registrar; Paul M. Adams, E. C. Bartlett, H. G. Humphrey, J. G. Ross, Edward Smith, E. D. Swisher, A. D. Welch, Fred Whitford, C. F. Wolfe.

STANDING COMMITTEES**Conference Relations—**

For One Year—Charles D. Crouch, H. A. James, C. E. Cunningham.

For Two Years—T. H. Barker, C. E. Fenton, George Mecklenburg.

For Three Years—E. C. Bartlett, C. M. Donaldson, R. P. Smith.

President—Charles D. Crouch.

Book Concern—A. E. Plummer, Harry M. Cooper, W. C. Smith.

Freedmen's Aid—F. C. Fulford, T. H. Barker, W. H. Pascoe, W. A. Parkinson, H. E. Chappell.

Hospitals—A. D. Welch, R. P. Smith, Charles Rhodes, F. C. Fulford, A. J. Movius, R. M. Pinkney.

Temperance—F. T. Spencer, E. D. Swisher, G. D. Wolfe, W. H. Pascoe, A. D. Welch, E. C. Bartlett.

Epworth League—J. G. Ross, Charles Rhodes, Chas. F. Wolfe.

History and Memoirs—Geo. D. King, Jacob Mills, S. A. Oliver, H. A. James, G. M. Carter.

Resolutions—Geo. D. Wolfe, R. P. Smith, F. O. Linger, A. D. Welch, O. G. Ponath.

Publishing the Minutes—Charles Rhodes, Thomas Hardie, F. T. Spencer, E. C. Bartlett, C. F. Wolfe.

Auditing—W. H. Calvert, A. D. Welch.

Uniform Method of Church Finance—C. M. Donaldson, H. M. Cooper, Charles D. Crouch, J. O. Randall.

Centenary, District Superintendents—Charles D. Crouch, R. P. Smith, George D. Wolfe, George Mecklenburg, G. M. Carter.

Conference Claimants Endowment Fund—H. A. James, C. L. Bovard, E. Smith, Chas. E. Avery, W. Lindsey.

Fraternal Delegate to Northwest Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, South—Jesse Lacklen.

Courtesies—H. A. James, Charles D. Crouch, H. E. Chappell.

Methodist Review—K. O. Pearson.

IV Disciplinary Questions

1. **Is this Annual Conference Incorporated According to the Requirement of the Discipline?**

It is.

2. **Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conference?**

K. O. Pearson, Nebraska; George Reid, North Montana.

3. **Who have been Readmitted?**

None.

4. **Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches?**

None.

5. **Who have been Received on Trial?**

(a) In Studies of First Year. Fred Anstice, Cecil G. Hannon, Carl Knudson, W. C. Wampler, Hubert W. Woods.

(b) In Studies of Third Year under the Seminary Rule. None.

6. **Who have been Continued on Trial?**

(a) In Studies of First Year. Martin Van Demark.

(b) In Studies of Second Year. Aden T. Peck.

(c) In Studies of Third Year. Amadeo Trappolino.

(d) In Studies of Fourth Year. None.

7. **Who have been Discontinued.** None.

8. **Who have been admitted into Full Membership?**

(a) Elected and Ordained Deacons this year. Louis L. Ort-mayer, Ira F. Rankin.

(b) Elected and Ordained Deacons previously. None.

9. **What Members are in Studies of Third Year?**

(a) Admitted into Full Membership this year. Louis L. Ort-mayer, Ira. F. Rankin.

(b) Admitted into Full Membership previously. None.

10. **What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?**

None.

11. **What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study.**

(a) Elected and Ordained Elders this year. Harry E. Chappell, George Reid.

(b) Elected and Ordained Elders previously. None.

(c) Elected and Ordained Elders under the Seminary Rule. None.

12. **What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?**
 - (a) As Local Preachers. Samuel Fletcher.
 - (b) Under Missionary Rule. None.
 - (c) Under the Seminary Rule. None.
13. **What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?**
 - (a) As Local Deacons. None.
 - (b) Under Missionary Rule. None.
14. **Was the Character of each Preacher examined?**

This was strictly done in open Conference.
15. **Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences?**

W. L. Greer, New Jersey (previously).
A. C. Hoover, Colorado (previously).
Henry C. Mecklenburg, North Montana.
16. **Who have Died?**

None.
17. **Who have been Located at their own Request?**

F. O. Kelley.
18. **Who have been Located?**

None.
19. **Who have Withdrawn?**

Thomas H. Martin.
20. **Who have been permitted to Withdraw under Charges or Complaints?**

None.
21. **Who have been Expelled?**

None.
22. **What other personal Notation should be made?**

Thomas Miller was transferred from Northwest Kansas to Montana Conference in 1917. His relation to North Montana ceased in 1916.
23. **Who are the Supernumerary Ministers, and for what number of years consecutively has each held this Relation?**

F. M. Latham (3), F. O. Linger (3), G. J. Stephens (3).
24. **Who are the Retired Ministers?**

J. A. Badcon, W. H. Calvert, John Hosking, Andrew Kershaw, Geo. D. King, Jacob Mills, A. P. Morrison, Wilder Nutting, S. A. Oliver, S. E. Snider.
25. **Who are the Triers of Appeals?**

Charles D. Crouch, Jacob Mills, R. P. Smith, C. M. Donaldson, E. C. Bartlett.
26. **What is the Annual Report of the Conference Board of Home Missions and Church Extension?**

See Report.

27. What is the Annual Report of the Conference Board of Foreign Missions?

See Centenary Report.

28. What is the Statistical Report?

See the Statistician's Report.

29. What is the Conference Treasurer's Report?

See the Conference Treasurer's Report.

30. (a) What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer?

\$39,151.

(b) What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the Annual Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer?

\$39,750.

31. What are the Claims on the Conference Funds?

For Annuity distribution, 398 years multiplied by the Disciplinary rate of \$18.50 per year, \$7,363. For Necessitous distribution, \$1391. Total, \$8,754.

32. (a) What has been Received on these Claims?

From the Book Concern, \$886. From Annual Conference Investments, \$125. From the Chartered Fund, \$35. From Pastoral Charges, \$2,869. From the Board of Conference Claimants, \$500. Total, \$4,415.

(b) How has it been Applied? See report of Conference Stewards.

33. What amount has been apportioned to the Pastoral Charges within the Conference, to be raised for the Support of Conference Claimants? (Par. 336.)

\$6,817.

34. What amount has been paid by the Conference Treasurer to the Board of Conference Claimants for Connectional Relief?

\$134.

35. Where are the Preachers Stationed?

See List of Appointments.

36. Where shall the Next Conference be held?

Anaconda.

V

Appointments

Butte District

District Superintendent	- - - - -	Charles L. Bovard (5)
Anaconda	- - - - -	Charles F. Wolfe (3)
Avon	- - - - -	(Supplied by Wm. Koehler) (2)
Big Blackfoot	- - - - -	Samuel Fletcher (2)
Butte: Grace	- - - - -	Charles Rhodes (2)
Italian Mission	- - - - -	(Supplied by John A. Smith) (2)
Mount Bethel and Wesley	- - - - -	W. A. Parkinson (1)
Mountain View	- - - - -	J. O. Randall (1)
Trinity	- - - - -	W. H. Pascoe (2)
Unity and Silver Bow	- - - - -	Fred C. Fulford (4)
Clancy and Jefferson	A. E. Plummer (1) and (W. C. Wampler) (1)	
Dillon	- - - - -	Edward Smith (1)
Dillon Circuit	- - - - -	To be Supplied
Drummond and Hall	- - - - -	Thomas H. Barker (3)
Hamilton and Sula	- - - - -	Thomas Miller (1)
Helena: Oakes Street	A. E. Plummer (2) and (W. C. Wampler) (1)	
St. Paul's	- - - - -	Charles D. Crouch (2)
Lolo Circuit	- - - - -	(Supplied by Mrs. Ida Amelia McAllister) (1)
Meadow Creek	- - - - -	Louis Ortmyer (3)
Missoula	- - - - -	Jesse Lacklen (2)
Philipsburg	- - - - -	Fred Anstice (2)
Ronan	- - - - -	(Supplied by James Hughes) (2)
St. Ignatius	- - - - -	Wm. S. Tester (4)
Sheridan and Ruby	- - - - -	C. E. Cunningham (1)
Stevensville	- - - - -	P. D. Hartman (3)
Superior and Alberton	- - - - -	L. E. Simes (3)
Thompson and Plains	- - - - -	To be Supplied
Three Forks	- - - - -	Geo. M. Carter (1)
Townsend and Radersburg	- - - - -	W. G. R. Dann (1)
Twin Bridges	- - - - -	(Supplied by R. M. Bell) (1)
Whitehall	- - - - -	Fred T. Spencer (5)
Winston and Marysville	- - - - -	Carl Knudson (2)

Yellowstone District

District Superintendent	- - - - -	H. G. Humphrey (1)
Alzada Circuit	- - - - -	(Supplied by R. P. Harmon) (1)
Ashland and Birney	- - - - -	(Supplied by W. K. Ridenour) (1)
Baker	- - - - -	H. E. Chappell (3)
Billings	- - - - -	Geo. D. Wolfe (1)
Bloomfield Circuit	- - - - -	(Supplied by Ross W. Harris) (1)

Bozeman	- - - - -	R. P. Smith	(6)
Bridger and Fromberg	- - - - -	E. D. Swisher	(3)
Clyde Park	- - - - -	C. E. Fenton	(2)
Comanche Circuit	- - - - -	K. O. Pearson	(1)
Edwards Circuit	- - - - -	(Supplied by E. E. Van Ness)	(2)
Fairview	- - - - -	H. M. Cooper	(4)
Forsyth	- - - - -	Fred Whitford	(1)
Fish Tail Circuit	- - - - -	A. T. Peck	(1)
Glendive	- - - - -	John G. Ross	(3)
Hardin	- - - - -	J. A. Meeke	(1)
Huntley Circuit	- - - - -	(To be Supplied)	
Ingomar Circuit	- - - - -	W. C. Smith	(1)
Joliet Circuit	- - - - -	H. W. Woods	(2)
Laurel	- - - - -	O. G. Ponath	(3)
Livingston	- - - - -	H. A. James	(2)
Miles City	- - - - -	Thomas Hardie	(3)
Park City	- - - - -	A. T. Peck	(4)
Pine Creek	- - - - -	(To be Supplied)	
Reed Point	- - - - -	A. T. Peck	(1)
Red Lodge and Circuit	- - - - -	E. C. Bartlett	(5)
Richey Circuit	- - - - -	(Supplied by David Halford)	(2)
Sidney	- - - - -	A. D. Welch	(3)
Wibaux	- - - - -	(Supplied by W. H. Calvert)	(2)
Wilsall	- - - - -	Cecil G. Hannon	(1)

Special Appointments

Paul M. Adams, Professor of Biology, Montana Wesleyan College, St. Paul's Quarterly Conference, Helena, Montana. (7)

John Chirgwin, Field Agent of Montana Deaconess School, St. Paul's Quarterly Conference, Helena, Montana. (8)

C. M. Donaldson, President Montana Wesleyan College, St. Paul's Quarterly Conference, Helena, Montana. (1)

Geo. Mecklenburg, Executive Secretary of Helena Area, St. Paul's Quarterly Conference, Helena, Montana.

Edward Laird Mills, Editor Pacific Christian Advocate, St. Paul's Quarterly Conference, Helena, Montana. (1)

J. H. Mitchell, Chaplain in the United States Army, Grace Quarterly Conference, Butte, Montana.

George Reid, Conference Evangelist, St. Paul's Quarterly Conference Helena, Montana. (1)

G. C. Stull, Chaplain in the United States Army, Billings Quarterly Conference.

Martin E. Van Demark, Principal Montana Wesleyan Academy, St. Paul's Quarterly Conference, Helena, Montana. (1)

Ira F. Rankin and Carl Knudson, both of St. Paul's Quarterly Conference, Helena; R. R. Kletzing of the Twin Bridges Quarterly Conference; Amadeo Trappolini and J. M. A. Papa, both of Mountain View Quarterly Conference, Butte, left without appointment to attend some of our schools.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR MAINTENANCE.

Butte District.

Avon	\$ 300
Big Blackfoot	400
Butte: Italian Work	1200
Butte: Mt. Bethel	200
Butte: Trinity	200
Butte: Silver Bow	200
Helena: Oakes St.	300
Clancy and Jefferson	400
Drummond Circuit	200
Hamilton and Sula	300
Lolo Circuit	100
Meadow Creek	500
Marysville and Winston	300
Philipsburg	500
Ronan	400
St. Ignatius	300
Sheridan	200
Superior and Alberton	300
Thompson and Plains	400
Three Forks	500
Townsend Circuit	200
Twin Bridges	400
Whitehall	300
District	300
Total.....	\$8400

Approved by Chas. L. Bovard.

Yellowstone District.

Alzada Circuit	\$ 100
Ashland Circuit	500
Baker	500
Bloomfield Circuit	700
Comanche Circuit	500
Edwards Circuit	500
Fairview Circuit	500
Forsyth	200

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Fishtail Circuit	200
Hardin	400
Joliet	600
Ingomar and Sumatra	500
Laurel	400
Park City	300
Red Lodge	200
Reed Point	500
Richey Circuit	500
Sidney	200
Wibaux	300
District	500
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Total.....	\$8100

Approved by Edward Smith.

I concur,

CHARLES WESLEY BURNS,

VI

Daily Proceedings

FIRST DAY, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25, 1920.

Opening. The Thirty-fourth Session of the Montana Annual Conference convened in the St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church, Helena, on Wednesday, August 25th, 1920. At 8:30 the devotions were conducted by Bishop Charles Wesley Burns, who spoke from the text "For Their Sakes I Sanctify Myself". The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by the Bishop, the two District Superintendents, Charles D. Crouch, Edw. Laird Mills, and C. F. Wolfe.

Memorial. The Rev. W. W. Van Orsdel, having passed to his reward during the year, the Conference rose in silent expression of affection of this great and holy man; John Chirgwin offered prayer that the spirit of "Brother Van" might rest upon us, and Charles M. Donaldson was requested to prepare Memoir to be printed in the Minutes.

Organization. The Secretary called the Roll, and the following responded: Effective Elders, Paul M. Adams, Thos. H. Barker, Edw. C. Bartlett, Chas. L. Bovard, Geo. M. Carter, John Chirgwin, Harry M. Cooper, Chas. D. Crouch, C. E. Cunningham, W. G. R. Dann, Chas. M. Donaldson, C. E. Fenton, F. C. Fulford, Thos. Hardie, H. G. Humphrey, Henry A. James, R. R. Kletzing, Jesse Lacklen, Geo. Mecklenburg, Thos. Miller, Edw. Laird Mills, W. H. Pascoe, A. E. Plummer, J. O. Randall, George Reid, Charles Rhodes, John G. Ross, Edward Smith, W. C. Smith, F. T. Spencer, E. D. Swisher, A. D. Welch, Fred Whitford, Chas. F. Wolfe, Geo. D. Wolfe; Supernumerary: John A. Meeke; Retired: W. H. Calvert, Jacob Mills, S. A. Oliver; Undergraduates: Louis Ortmyer, Aden T. Peck, Ira F. Rankin, Harry E. Chappell.

Charles Rhodes was elected Secretary, and named as his Assistants Thomas Hardie and F. T. Spencer.

Fred Whitford was elected Treasurer, and he chose as assistants E. D. Swisher and Louis Ortmyer.

F. C. Fulford was elected Statistician and he named as Assistants Thomas Miller, W. G. R. Dann, W. C. Smith and A. E. Plummer. A. D. Welch was elected Auditor.

Changes in Conference Committees. The Conference Committees were re-elected with the following changes: Board of Foreign Missions, Ralph Parmenter in place of Mrs. E. O. Valliant; Board of Church Location and Erection, G. M. Carter instead of T. H. Martin; Board of Education, E. E. Collins in place of Prof. H. McCall; Commission on Finance, Thos. Hardie and B. A. Winans, in place of T. H. Martin and W. C. House. The following changes were made in the Standing Committees: Negro Education, H. E. Chappell added; Hospitals, F. C. Fulford and Charles Rhodes in place of W. G. R. Dann and Thomas Miller; Epworth League, John G. Ross instead of W. H. Pascoe; Publishing the Minutes, E. C. Bartlett and C. F. Wolfe were

added; Pro-rating, T. H. Martin dropped; Uniform Method of Church Finance, J. O. Randall added; Reconstruction and Delegates to Federal Council were omitted; Fraternal delegate to Northwest Conference Methodist Episcopal Church South, Jesse Lacklen was named; Methodist Review, K. O. Pearson; Reporter, Paul M. Adams, and Postmaster F. T. Spencer.

Disciplinary Questions: No. 1. Is this Conference incorporated?" It is.

Question 2. "Who have been received by Transfer and from what Conference?" George Reid, North Montana Conference, K. O. Pearson, Nebraska Conference.

Question 15. "Who have been transferred and to what conferences?" Henry C. Mecklenburg to the North Montana Conference, Albert C. Hoover, Colorado Conference, W. L. Greer, New Jersey.

Introductions. Dr. Charles R. Oaten, business representative of the Board of Conference Claimants was introduced, and addressed the Conference, presenting a draft for \$500 which was delivered to the Chairman of the Board of Stewards.

R. H. Hughes, publishing agent, was introduced, addressed the Conference, and handed to the Bishop three drafts, Regular \$664.50, Extra \$221.50, Chartered Fund \$35.00, a total of \$921.00; these drafts on motion of C. L. Bovard were handed to the Chairman of the Board of Stewards.

Miss Monta Bane, superintendent of the Sidney Deaconess Hospital, Mrs. David Bowers, representing the W. H. M. S., Dr. Sherwood of the Kimball School of Theology, L. H. Sweetland, former President of Montana Wesleyan College, E. J. Huston of North Montana Conference, and Dr. M. J. Trenery of the Board of Sunday Schools were introduced.

Bar of Conference was set at the sixth seat from the front on motion of A. D. Welch.

On motion of Thomas Miller 11:45 was named as the hour of adjournment.

Butte District. The Character of Charles L. Bovard was passed, and he read his report. (See page 34.)

The characters of the following effective elders and probationers were passed, and they made their reports as to whether amounts received for ministerial support had been prorated, the achievements of the Centenary program, and the results of the Evangelistic effort: Charles F. Wolfe, Charles Rhodes, George Reid, George D. Wolfe, W. H. Pascoe, Fred C. Fulford, H. G. Humphrey, Thomas H. Barker, K. O. Pearson, A. E. Plummer, Charles D. Crouch, Louis L. Ortmyer, Jesse Lacklen, P. D. Hartman, C. E. Cunningham, R. R. Kletzing, and Fred T. Spencer. F. Anstice, L. E. Simes, C. Knudson, W. Koehler and John A. Smith also reported their work.

T. H. Martin having made a request to be located, the matter was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

The Session adjourned with benediction by Jacob Mills.

Statistical Session at 1:30 p. m., Henry A. James presiding. The roll was called and the brethren responded by turning in their reports to the Treasurer and Statistical Secretary.

SECOND DAY, THURSDAY, AUGUST 26th.

At 8:30 the devotions were conducted by Bishop Burns who spoke from what he characterized as the vulgar remark of Judas "It might have been sold."

The Minutes were read and approved.

The character of Ira F. Rankin was passed, and he gave his report.

Yellowstone District. The character of Edward Smith was passed, and he read his report. (See page 37.)

Question 14. The characters of the following effective elders and probationers were passed, and they reported: H. E. Chappell, J. O. Randall, R. P. Smith, E. D. Swisher, C. E. Fenton, W. A. Parkinson, H. M. Cooper, W. C. Smith, J. G. Ross, G. M. Carter, Fred Whitford, H. A. James, T. Hardie, A. T. Peck, W. G. R. Dann, E. C. Bartlett, A. D. Welch, T. Miller. The case of O. G. Ponath was referred to the Conference Relations Committee.

David Halford, H. W. Woods and W. H. Calvert also reported.

Special Appointments: The characters of the men on detached service were passed, Paul M. Adams, John Chirgwin, Edward L. Mills, Geo. C. Stull, J. H. Mitchell, F. O. Kelley, George Mecklenburg and C. M. Donaldson.

Letters of greeting were read from Geo. D. King and A. P. Morrison and the Secretary was instructed to reply.

A letter from A. Trappolini, who is attending school, was read.

Introductions. Dr. Fulkerson, of the Board of Foreign Missions and the Council of Benevolences; Dr. J. L. Seaton, of the Board of Education, were introduced and addressed the Conference.

Dr. E. L. Mills spoke of the Pacific Christian Advocate, and represented the work of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension. Rev. J. V. Hawk of the Montana Children's Home Finding Society, was introduced, as was also Professor Brewer who represented the State Educational Institutions, and addressed the Conference, urging the necessity of the Bond Issues for State Educational purposes.

Deaconess School. Miss Roxanna Beck, the Principal of the Montana Deaconess School was introduced, and addressed the Conference.

John Chirgwin, Field Secretary, presented his report, and moved that this Conference endorse a campaign, to be put on throughout the State of Montana the first week in November—"Brother Van Memorial Week";—that from every Methodist pulpit on the preceding Sabbath, October 31st, some reference be made to the life of this great man; that we here and now endorse and enter into this proposition whole-heartedly, determined by the help of God to go forward. The Conference heartily adopted the resolution.

On motion of Edward Smith the time was extended, and Dr. Garland, who has had charge of the Billings Deaconess Hospital, was heard.

John Chirgwin moved that we hear the Hospital Reports at the Joint Session on Saturday morning, and it was adopted.

At 11:50 the Rev. Miss Emma Metsker, who has had charge of the work at Hinsdale in the North Montana Conference, the first woman pastor in Methodism to report to an Annual Conference, pronounced the benediction.

THIRD DAY, FRIDAY, AUGUST 27th.

At 8:30 the devotions were led by the Bishop, who gave an address on "The Unseen Legions of God"; the Conference Quartette sang.

Conference convened at 9 a. m., the Bishop in the Chair. The Minutes were read and approved.

The Report of the Committee on Publishing Minutes was given by the Secretary of Conference, which recommended the printing of 600 copies, and the payment of seven mills on each dollar of pastor's salary; the recommendation was adopted, and on motion of C. L. Bovard the money was to be handed in to the Secretary as the Roll of the Conference was called. Jesse Lacklen moved that a representative of the Publishing Committee bring the matter of the Minutes before the Laymen's Association, it was adopted, and Edw. C. Bartlett was appointed.

R. H. Hughes, Publishing Agent, addressed the Conference on the books published by the Book Concern.

Order of the Day. 10 o'clock, Saturday morning was fixed for the consideration of the possibility of uniting the two Conferences in Montana, and 10:45 for the Corporate Session.

Question 5 (a). Who are in studies of the first year? W. C. Wampler, Carl Knudson, Fred Anstice, Cecil G. Hannon, the Board of Examiners having reported that they had passed in all studies for admission on trial, the Chairman of Conference Relations having recommended their admission, and the Superintendent having reported favorably, they were so admitted.

Hubert W. Woods was also likewise admitted, but Standing Rule 1 having been brought to the attention of the Conference, the action was reconsidered on motion of Edward Smith. On motion of Charles Rhodes the standing rule with regard to the limitation of age was suspended, and on motion of Edward Smith, H. W. Woods was received on trial, he having been properly recommended.

Question 6 (a) Who have been continued in studies of first year? Martin Van Demark.

(b) In studies of second year? A. T. Peck.

(c) In studies of third year? Amadeo Trappolini having completed the studies of the first and second years, was advanced to the studies of the third year.

Question 8. "Who have been admitted into full membership. (a) Elected and ordained deacons this year? Ira F. Rankin and Louis Ortmyer were on the recommendation of the Committee on Conference Relations, and the motion of C. L. Bovard, admitted into full membership and elected to deacon's orders.

Question 9 (a). Louis Ortmyer and Ira F. Rankin having completed the studies of the second year were advanced to studies of the third year.

Question 11. What members have completed the Conference Course of study? (a) Elected and ordained elders this year. Harry E. Chappell and George Reid, having completed the course of study, were graduated, and on motion of C. L. Bovard, they were elected to elders orders.

Question 12. What others have been elected and ordained deacons? (a) As local preachers. Samuel Fletcher was on motion of C. L. Bovard elected to local deacon's orders.

Question 19. Who have Withdrawn? Thomas H. Martin having fulfilled the disciplinary requirements, was permitted to withdraw, on motion of Charles D. Crouch.

Centenary. George Mecklenburg reported on the Centenary and the achievements of the year, and the report on motion of C. L. Bovard was adopted.

Messenger. The matter of the publication of the Messenger having been presented by Geo. Mecklenburg, after remarks by the Bishop and Edward L. Mills, the resolution of the North Montana Conference that the Messenger be continued, to be published by the Area Council, was on motion of A. D. Welch concurred in.

Sunday Schools. After the Conference Quartette had sung, Dr. Trenery of the Board of Sunday Schools gave an address. C. L. Bovard moved and it was carried, that we request the Board to put in the field a Sunday School Missionary, to do a three-fold work,—extensive, intensive, and to conduct Schools of method.

Introductions. On motion of Charles D. Crouch, the time for adjournment was extended, and the following were introduced: Dr. Shepherd, Missionary of the Presbyterian Church in Montana; Rev. Joseph Pope of the Anti-Saloon League, Rev. James Hughes of Ronan, and the following brethren from the North Montana Conference: J. A. Martin, Job Little, J. H. Durand, and Geo. Logan. Dr. Rarick of the Board of Temperance spoke with regard to the enforcement of the Prohibition law, and the 25-day Campaign for funds to erect a building for the Board in Washington, D. C.

After announcements, the session adjourned with the benediction by S. A. Oliver.

FOURTH DAY, SATURDAY, AUGUST 28th.

The Bishop led the devotions at 8:30, speaking from the text "Now his windows were open." Minutes approved as corrected.

Question 15. W. L. Greer transferred to New Jersey (previously), A. C. Hoover transferred to Colorado (previously.)

Question 22. "What other personal notation should be made? With regard to Thomas Miller the Bishop made the explanation: To clear the records the notation is made that Thomas Miller was transferred from Northwest Kansas in 1917. His relation to North Montana ceased in 1916.

The Committee on Episcopal Residence was named: C. L. Bovard, Edward Smith, C. M. Donaldson, George D. Wolfe, George Mecklenburg, Charles D. Crouch, George Bailey, and J. V. Kohler.

Question 23. Who are the supernumerary ministers and for what number of years consecutively has each held this relation? F. M. Latham (3), F. O. Linger (3), G. J. Stephens (3).

On the recommendation of the Committee on Conference Relations, John A. Meeke was changed from the supernumerary to the effective relation.

Question 24. Who are the retired ministers? J. A. Badcon, W. H. Calvert, John Hosking, Andrew Kershaw, Geo. D. King, Jacob Mills, A. D. Morrison, S. A. Oliver, and S. E. Snider.

On motion of C. L. Bovard, the request of Wilder Nutting for a retired relation was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

Question 14. The character of O. G. Ponath was passed.

The class for admission into full membership (consisting of Louis L. Ortmyer and Ira F. Rankin) was called. These brethren answered the disciplinary questions; after prayer by J. O. Randall the bishop addressed the class, and they were received into full membership by a rising vote of the Conference.

Question 24. The Committee on Conference Relations recommended that Wilder Nutting be given a retired relation, and this was granted.

Question 28. F. C. Fulford, the Statistician, presented his report which was accepted.

Question 32. What amounts have been received for Conference funds? From the Book Concern \$886, Chartered Fund \$35, Annual Conference Investment \$125; Board of Conference Claimants \$500, Pastoral Charges \$2869, a total of \$4,415.

Question 31. What are the claims on the Conference funds? For annuity distribution 398 full years multiplied by the disciplinary rate of \$18.50 per year \$7,363. Necessitous fund \$1,391. Total \$8,754.

Question 34. What amount has been paid by the Conference Treasurer to the Board of Conference Claimants for Connectional Relief? \$134.

J. A. Meeke moved the following resolution which was carried:

Whereas—First, the necessary information in our Conference Journal is wholly inadequate,

Second, recent General Conference legislation requires that certain data relative to years of service be provided for the convenience of the Board of Conference Stewards, and other Conference Boards and Committees,

Therefore Be It Resolved that each member of this Conference present to the Secretary of the Conference in writing the following facts:

- (1) When admitted on trial and what Conference?
- (2) Age when admitted on trial.
- (3) When received into full membership; what Conference?
- (4) Years in the Supernumerary relation.
- (5) When given the retired relation.

Question 25. Who are the Triers of Appeal? Charles D. Crouch, Jacob Mills, R. P. Smith, C. M. Donaldson, E. C. Bartlett.

Order of the Day. R. P. Smith moved the following resolution:

That we place ourselves on record favoring the lifting of the boundaries between the Montana Conference and the North Montana Conference, that shall unite Montana Methodism into one Conference, as provided by the Enabling Act of the General Conference.

After discussion of the matter by members of this Conference, and visiting members of the North Montana Conference, the resolution was unanimously adopted. On motion of R. P. Smith, Charles M. Donaldson was appointed to express our greeting and to report our action to the North Montana Conference at its next Session.

R. P. Smith and H. G. Humphrey were excused from further attendance at this Conference.

Question 36. Where shall the next Conference be held? Charles F. Wolfe placed in nomination Anaconda, C. E. Cunningham, Townsend, and W. H. Calvert, Wibaux. The invitation to Anaconda was accepted.

On motion of R. P. Smith it was decided to ask the General Conference Committee on blanks and Dr. Baketel, to add columns in which can be shown the number of members received by transfer and the number of members removed by transfer.

On motion of J. A. Meeke, Edward Smith was placed on the Board of Examiners in place of George D. Wolfe.

Order of the Day. At 10:55 the Conference went into **Corporate Session**, and Charles D. Crouch, the President of the Board of Trustees, was called to the Chair.

Jacob Mills, the Treasurer, gave his report, which on motion of C. L. Bovard was adopted.

On nomination, the **Trustees of the Conference** were named as follows: Charles D. Crouch, C. M. Donaldson, Jacob Mills, A. F. Ritz and George Bailey.

At 11 a. m. the Corporate Session adjourned, and the regular Session resumed with the Bishop in the Chair.

Joint Session. The order of the day was called, and the officers of the Laymen's Association were introduced. E. E. Collins, President of the Laymen's Association gave an address, and E. H. Gregory, Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions submitted the resolutions of the laymen. The Bishop responded on behalf of the Conference, and expressed the great joy that the laymen of the Church are with us in the most difficult task the Church has ever faced.

On motion of Edward Smith it was ordered that the resolutions of the Laymen's Association be printed in the Conference Journal.

Education. A. D. Welch read the report of the Board of Education. The report was adopted and a request was added that we ask the Board of Education to establish a School for pastors at Montana Wesleyan College.

Extension of time was agreed to on motion of Jesse Lacklen.

Deaconess. Miss Ida C. Hills of the Butte Deaconess Hospital and Miss Monta Bane of the Sidney Deaconess Hospital, were introduced and briefly addressed the Conference. The Joint Session adjourned, and the **Regular Session** resumed.

On motion of Jesse Lacklen it was agreed that when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet at 8 o'clock tonight.

Announcements were made, and at 12:15 the Conference adjourned with benediction by John Hosking.

Conference Resumed at 8:15 p. m. The Conference Quartette sang "Leaning on Jesus", and E. C. Bartlett offered prayer.

The Minutes of the morning session were approved as corrected.

Rev. Arthur Frederick Ragatz, Secretary Western Agency of the American Bible Society, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

Reports. 32. J. A. Meeke gave the report of the Conference Board of Stewards. H. A. James named those recommended by the Board for three years: R. P. Smith, Charles D. Crouch, and J. D. Slemons, and the Conference agreed to the recommendation.

The Treasurer, Fred Whitford, gave his report, which was accepted.

Board of Home Missions and Church Extension Report given by Geo. D. Wolfe. The report was accepted, and the askings for the year agreed to.

On motion of Geo. D. Wolfe the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension was elected,—the two District Superintendents, the pastor of Mountain View Church, W. H. Pascoe, F. C. Fulford, Charles Rhodes, Charles F. Wolfe, William Lutey, F. B. Price, John Callow, B. K. Wheeler, J. H. Strain and C. E. Avery.

Question 27. What is the Annual Report of the Conference Board of Foreign Missions? See Centenary Report.

Deaconess. John Chirgwin, Field Secretary, presented the Deaconess Report which was adopted, with an addition to the Committee to consider the Forsyth Hospital. (See Report).

Sunday School report was read by H. G. Humphrey and adopted.

Auditor's report by A. D. Welch adopted.

Epworth League report read by J. G. Ross accepted, with the addition of a paragraph emphasizing the necessity of the organization of Junior Leagues.

Dr. Sherwood of the Kimball School of Theology addressed the Conference.

Geo. D. Wolfe moved that when we adjourn we adjourn to meet at 8 a. m. on Monday. Carried.

Adjourned at 10:10 with benediction by H. A. James.

CLOSING SESSION, MONDAY, AUGUST 30th.

Devotions at 8 o'clock. After a number of prayers, the brethren sang "Where He Leads Me I Will Follow". Minutes read and approved.

A telegram from Glasgow was read giving the tidings that the Hospital financial situation had been relieved.

A telegram from Chaplain Stull was read, and on motion of Edward Smith, the Secretary was instructed to send greetings to Brother Stull, the Conference heartily endorsing the Army Chaplaincy.

Geo. D. Wolfe rising to a question of personal privilege, desired to be recorded as voting against the resolution adopted on Saturday morning with regard to uniting Montana Methodism into one Conference, and the consent of the Conference was granted.

Montana Wesleyan College. C. M. Donaldson, the President, gave his report, which on motion of C. L. Bovard was adopted, and after being edited was to be incorporated in the Minutes.

Area Council. C. L. Bovard moved that Charles F. Wolfe represent the Butte District, and Edward Smith moved that R. P. Smith represent the Yellowstone District, and these brethren were so elected.

Question 17. Fred O. Kelly, reported in good standing was passed in character, and desiring to be located, was given this relation on the recommendation of the Committee on Conference Relations.

The Bishop was requested to appoint George Reid Conference Evangelist on the recommendation of the Committee on Conference relations and motion of George D. Wolfe.

The Bishop made the **Appointment of Deaconesses** on the recommendation of the Conference Board. (See Report.)

Resolutions of Appreciation were read by George D. Wolfe and heartily adopted.

The report of Paul M. Adams, Conference Auditor, was read and adopted.

Introductions. Thomas Hardie and his bride were presented to the Conference and received congratulations.

John Chirgwin and wife were also congratulated on the advent of a grandchild.

On motion of Geo. D. Wolfe, the Temperance Report was adopted and the Secretary, after editing same, was instructed to include it in the Minutes.

On motion of C. L. Bovard it was agreed that after the approval of the Minutes, and the reading of the Appointments by the Bishop we adjourn.

The Minutes of the morning session were read and approved. The Bishop led the Conference in fervent prayer, and then read the Appointments, after which the brethren sang "Blest Be the Tie That Binds Our Hearts", and at 10:10 the Conference adjourned with the benediction.

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION.

This is to Certify that at Helena, Montana, on August the 29th, 1920, I ordained as deacons, Samuel Fletcher, Louis L. Ortmyer, and Ira F. Rankin. On the same day, assisted by elders, I ordained Harry E. Chappell and George Reid as Elders in the Church of God, and in accordance with the discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

CHARLES WESLEY BURNS,
Presiding Bishop.

CERTIFICATE.

The foregoing is the Official Journal of the Montana Annual Conference at the Thirty-fourth Session held in Helena, Montana, August 25-30, 1920.

Charles Wesley Burns

Presiding Bishop.

Chas. Rhodes

Secretary.

VII

Lay Association

Helena, Montana, August 27, 1920.

Meeting of Lay Association called to order by the Secretary, A. H. Gregory in the absence of the President E. E. Collins.

Address of Welcome by J. V. Kohler from Helena. Response, A. H. Gregory, Miles City.

Address: "Montana Deaconess School". John Chirgwin.

Plan of financing Conference Minutes presented by Rev. E. C. Bartlett.

Registration of delegates as follows:

Mrs. M. Skones, Missoula; Mrs. J. W. Shriver, Missoula; Miss Flossie Lyall, Pine Creek; Mrs. Anna Mitchell, Walkerville; Mrs. W. H. Pascoe, Butte; Mrs. Elizabeth Reid, Walkerville; Mrs. R. M. Pinkney, Bozeman; Mrs. Anna Seaberg, Livingston; Mrs. Martha Ridgeway, Townsend; Mrs. C. E. Cunningham, Townsend; Chas. E. Avery, Anaconda; Guy E. Marvin, Bozeman; J. D. Slemons, Butte; Mrs. A. G. Nutting, Livingston; A. H. Gregory, Miles City; J. E. Midgett, Sumatra; Mrs. W. H. Tebay, Whitehall; L. L. Gordon, Helena; Mrs. H. A. James, Livingston; Humphrey Roberts, Helena; J. V. Kohler, Helena; Mrs. T. H. Barker, Drummond; Mrs. M. J. Cromwell, Dillon; Millie Midgett, Sumatra; Ross W. Harris, Wibaux; Miss Belle Beatty, Winston; Mrs. N. E. Church, Clancy; Mrs. George Reid, Walkerville; Mr. J. V. Hawk, Helena.

Motion that all laymen present be seated as delegates carried.

Chair appointed **Committee on Nominations** as follows:

J. V. Hawk, J. D. Slemons, James Midgett, Mrs. N. E. Church, Mrs. Martha Ridgeway.

Committee on Resolutions as follows:

J. V. Kohler, Flossie M. Lyall, Mrs. George Reid, Ross M. Harris, Mrs. Andrew Seaberg.

Address on "Kimball School of Theology," Rev. Edwin Sherwood.

Conference adjourned until 2:00 P. M.

In the absence of the President the Conference was called to order at two o'clock by A. H. Gregory, Secretary.

J. V. Hawk was elected as temporary chairman for the afternoon session.

Report on "General Conference" given by Chas. E. Avery.

Address on "Public Morals and Prohibition" by Chas. E. Rarrick, Washington, D. C.

Report of Committee on Resolutions read and accepted.

Report on Nominations read as follows:

President, E. D. Elderkin, Butte; First Vice-President, Chas. E. Avery, Anaconda; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Moore Eyer, Glendive;

Secretary, A. H. Gregory, Miles City; Treasurer, Mrs. M. Ridgeway, Townsend.

On motion the report of the committee on nominations was accepted and all nominations made by the committee were unanimously elected by a vote instructing the secretary to cast a unanimous ballot for each nominee.

Reports from delegates from various charges.

Meeting adjourned to meet at 9:30 Saturday morning.

Meeting called to order by President E. E. Collins at nine-thirty Saturday.

Motion by Judge Reynolds and duly seconded, that the committee on By-laws and Constitution be continued.

A vote of thanks was extended to President E. E. Collins for his efficient services as President of the Lay Conference for the past three years.

Adjourned to meet in joint session with the Ministerial Conference at eleven o'clock.

A. H. GREGORY, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

We, your committee on resolutions, submit the following:

We hereby endorse the every-member canvass as the most efficient means of raising the current expenses of the local church, and suggest that each pastoral charge place its church on this firm financial footing at the very beginning of the conference year.

Whereas, prohibition has been written into the constitution of the state by a large majority, and whereas, we hear evidence of bootlegging and illicit manufacture of intoxicating liquors, and whereas, such business is now outlawed in this state, therefore, be it resolved that we commend all efforts of the officers of the law, federal, state and local, to enforce the provisions without fear or favor. We believe the people are demanding more vigilance on the part of the officers charged with law enforcement.

We believe the Centenary has been inspired by God, and rejoice in the financial success of the movement thus far advanced, and we pledge the laity of the Montana Conference to assist our pastors in increasing the membership of our Church and conserving the young life of our Sunday Schools, Edworth Leagues, and congregations.

Whereas, a permanent record of the proceedings of each Annual Conference is necessary, therefore, be it resolved, that the cost of publishing the minutes be apportioned to each pastoral charge at the rate of seven mills on each dollar of the pastor's cash salary for this year, and for successive years such rates as may be necessary. That the District Superintendent and pastors see that this apportionment be properly presented to the respective charges, and that each pastor bring the amount so apportioned to the Annual Conference, and pay same to the Conference secretary.

The Deaconess School, The Montana Wesleyan College; and all our Deaconess Hospitals over the state are commended to our members, and we solicit their prayers and financial help. We rejoice in the great and good work that these institutions are doing. We especially urge our churches to support the work of Brother Chirgwin and the building of the Brother Van Memorial on the grounds of the Deaconess School.

We appreciate the courtesy and kindliness of Bishop Burns in the administration of his difficult office and in solving the many hard problems that he has to deal with in presiding over the Annual Conference, and we pray God's blessing and guidance in the appointment of the ministers to the various charges. We extend him a hearty welcome and hope that his stay among us will result in great good in the advancement of Christ's Kingdom in this field.

We appreciate the hospitality of the good people in general and the pastor and members of the St. Paul Methodist Episcopal Church, in particular and the officers of Montana Wesleyan College for the many courtesies extended during our stay among them, and for the royal entertainment furnished during the Conference, and desire to extend our sincere thanks.

Thanking God for the good work that has been accomplished during the past year, let us push on during the coming year and express the hope and prayer that our efforts will be crowned with greater success than ever before.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE.

VIII

Reports

(A) FROM DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS

(1) BUTTE DISTRICT.

To the Bishop and Members of the Montana Annual Conference:

Bishop and Brethren: I submit this, my fifth annual report, with deep gratitude to God for His watch-care and guidance during the year that is now closing. Death, I think, has not crossed the threshold in a single parsonage home during the year. Somewhat serious illness has been the lot of some of our workers however. Mrs. Fulford, wife of our pastor at Unity, Butte, was cared for in our Butte Deaconess Hospital through a serious sickness involving surgical treatment. It was also necessary that Mrs. Reid, wife of our pastor at Mt. Bethel and Wesley Chapel, should be absent twice during the year for hospital treatment. Our Brother Nutting, pastor at Thompson and Plains, found it necessary to seek assistance at the hands of surgeons and specialists during the year. The influenza attacked several of our pastor's homes—Brother and Sister Plummer faring the worst—we believe. This sickness together with the disastrous fire which totally destroyed the church beside their parsonage, called for unusual fortitude. And quite heroically have the Oakes Street pastor and valiant officials met the crisis, fitting up the basement as commodiously as possible, and continuing the worship of God and work in the various departments of the church. Thus there is nothing that can seriously mitigate our joys when we contemplate the dealings of Providence with us during the year. In common with all the districts in Montana, we were called upon to mourn the going of Brother Van—"the best known and best loved man in Montana." After the stroke that clearly indicated the end, we were glad to have him linger with us a while in genial consciousness of his abiding place in our affections.

Emergency Support.

But for the generous and prompt action of our Board of Home Missions and Church Extension at the last session of Conference in granting the District exactly a hundred percent increase in maintenance to meet our drouth emergency, we should have been unable to keep many of our charges open during the year. As it is, with the advances in prices for practically all commodities, hardship has been the lot of several of our pastors. While nearly every other worker has received substantial advance in support, with our very best efforts, we have been unable to bring the support of our men in this district to any appreciable advance, that is an advance that will in any great measure offset the present expensiveness of living. We were able,

however, to bring each charge, except the student charges, up to the minimum salary set by our conference—\$1200 and house. That is the allowances were at and above that standard, and we hope they have been paid in full. This is, of course, inclusive of the missionary and emergency allowances. We regret that the conditions have not so far improved as to enable us to dispense with these generous emergency advances. We fear the Board is disappointed that this is the case. But, while the crop outlook is favorable, the accumulated indebtedness during the three years failure must be met before there can be anything like normal conditions.

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The Centenary Conservation and Evangelistic Program.

Not to be tedious here, I will refer only to the more general features of our work with the results. We entered heartily into the program of the Conservation Committee in all of its details. We had from 90 to 100% attendance at our various council meetings. Our sub-district chairmen, Brothers Crouch, Lacklen, Charles Wolfe and Humphrey gave time and energy in almost every charge rendering valuable assistance in setting up the program. We acknowledge our great advantage as a District by having the immediate counsel of Dr. Mecklenburg and the Centenary office. Dr. Donaldson also, in spite of his heavy financial burdens as finance manager of the Montana Wesleyan, assisted us very effectively. Schedules for special campaigns were planned covering the entire district. For the most part we relied upon teams made up of our own men. Rev. O. G. Ragan, however, conducted a campaign in Butte and Anaconda. The weather was the severest known in years, snows deeper and feed scarcer than Montana had ever known. Much effort was made to overcome our various handicaps, with the result that at Easter time we had barely gone over the top, surpassing our quota by about 25 accessions. What we have learned, however, ought to be of more value to the Church than what we accomplished. These lessons may be summarized as follows: (1) Preliminary organization is a great factor in a present day revival. (2) The Sunday School and Epworth League afford the best field for successful appeal. (3) The concentration of effort necessary to success consumes the energy of pastor and department officials, (where there are such) to the very limit of endurance. There are just two points to any successful method: Getting to the people and having power in the appeal when the people are reached. Old time fire, old time fundamentals, with the wisest up-to-date methods available, will produce the desired results.

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Our Institutions.

The Montana Wesleyan College closed a most successful year last June. In the matter of attendance and esprit-de-corps, it reached the high water mark in its thirty years of successful history. Dean A.

C. Lemon is deserving of great credit for managing the school so efficiently.

Early in the year the new dormitory was opened and contributed greatly to the comfort and fine spirit that has pervaded the institution. Dr. Chas. M. Donaldson organized a successful campaign for needed funds with which to finish and equip this new building. The faculty was happily selected and gave a fine example of high class team work. Never have we seen the student body more loyal and devoted to the high ideals of our school.

In line with the policy of the Wesleyan, it was necessary to select a president for the institution and after a careful canvass, it was decided at the last March meeting that we did not need to go abroad to find a man suitable for this important office. The ballot of the Board was cast unanimously for the Rev. Chas. M. Donaldson, D. D., who as associate centenary secretary had been giving special attention to the finances of the College. Dr. Donaldson (Brother Donaldson received his Doctor's degree from his Alma Mater, Hamline University, last June) has entered upon his duties as president and in spite of the increased difficulties in securing teachers is about ready for the opening day of what we hope may prove a new era in the history of our school.

The Montana Deaconess school, located near Helena, has had another notable year. Its enrollment taxed the full capacity of our present buildings. Some years ago a policy was adopted for over-hauling and modernizing the old buildings. This program was completed this year and now we are not required to apologize to our visitors. The gardening side of the school under the supervision of Miss Beck and Mr. Pew has reached the proportions of a real source of income. Advancing steadily from year to year, the school is now supplied with its vegetables, milk and butter supply and other table delicacies. Indeed some of the products exceeded the school demands and were duly marketed.

The financial secretary, Rev. John Chirgwin, still continues to enlist the men of means in the state in support of the school. Shortly after the death of Dr. Van Orsdel, the various institutions of our church in the state (all had a claim on Brother Van) agreed to turn over to the Deaconess School the honor of erecting a suitable building to the memory of this beloved pioneer Methodist leader. This award to the Deaconess School was particularly fitting for two reasons: (1) Brother Van was particularly fond of the school that gathered the boys and girls from every quarter of the state under its protecting care. (2) By his expressed wish his body lies in Forestvale cemetery—only a short walk from the site of this institution.

This being determined amicably, the Board of Trustees of the Deaconess School met and formally launched a campaign for the sum of \$100,000 for a Van Orsdel memorial building. Brother Chirgwin was elected manager of the campaign and instructed to solicit the larger possibilities in conjunction with his regular financial work until the meeting of this session of Conference. His success seemed to justify

the choice of an architect and the beginning of this delightful task. The formalities of ground breaking for this building are on the program of this Conference. Further facts and plans will be presented later by the campaign manager. There is probably no institution in Methodism whose purposes and practical operation have elicited commendation so favorable and wide spread as this Deaconess School.

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The other institution within the bounds of this district is the Butte Deaconess hospital. The details of its work for the year will be brought before you in the reports of the Conference Board and its superintendent Miss Ida Hills, a real genius in management of big enterprises on small resources. What I wish to urge is that this Conference take this institution at once and completely to its heart in loving confidence. Dr. Wolfe informs me that every emendation of its charter necessary to put wholly in the sisterhood of our Deaconess family has been made. It is worthy of our utmost confidence and support. Pastors and church organizations are urged to respond to its needs for supplies, etc. The immediate financial need is for \$25,000 to lift a burdensome debt. The income is exceeding the expenses by a small sum each year. The balance last year was \$2,559.51, this year it is \$3,803.48. A financial field agent is a pressing need at this juncture. Prayers are ascending daily for the right person for this work.

C. L. BOVARD.

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(2) YELLOWSTONE DISTRICT

Brethren and Co-laborers: I have been privileged now the tenth time to bring a report to the Conference of district work. I devoutly thank God for the privilege of this service and for His sustaining grace in it. I thank my brethren for kindly assistance and patient forbearance.

Previous reports set forth rather fully experiences, convictions, achievements, defeats and program recommendations. This will not all be held in ready memory, hence some reviewing in this report.

The district is a vast reach of territory approximating the area of Illinois. It embraces nineteen enormous counties, and the half of two counties more. Of these twenty-one counties eight are without any permanent organized help from our church. In several others our line is discouragingly thin. The whole district gives promise of a permanent and growing populace of agriculturists. Activities of other evangelical bodies is very inadequate. Here is an outstanding field appealing to the energies of our Church as expressed in our Board of Home Missions and Board of Sunday Schools. The generous hand of the Board of Home Missions has made possible much of our past achievements. Plans are contemplated by the extension department of the Board of Sunday Schools that should produce lasting results. However, we are suffering losses that may never be retrieved.

In keeping with the program of the general church we have majored this year in evangelism. Our statistics will show healthy in-

crease, tho the set goal of twenty-five percent increase will not be reached on all charges. The organized centers will naturally make the best showing.

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It is stating but well known fact to say a spirit of restlessness pervades our country. Yellowstone District has not proven its immunity. This spirit has invaded our pastoral ranks as well as the people. Drouth plus high cost of living has developed distressingly abnormal situations. Extra sustentation help was extended last fall by our Board of Home Missions. But this did not balance increased prices and lack of local funds. Without this special help, however, we would in some instances have been driven from the field. With the help some pastors have gone through the year under great material limitations. Our laity have had the same conditions so the experience has been mutual. Fifty dollar hay for stock, family provisions, standing debt together with taxes have absolutely exhausted the local resources of the people. Under these circumstances practically nothing could be accomplished in needed building enterprises.

The encouraging progress made at the beginning of our district term in building equipment has been ruthlessly checked by conditions above explained. Our vision of this needed equipment is hope deferred.

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Centenary projects for this year were considered with reference to first importance. So pressing are such fields as Baker, Sidney, and Richey entirely without a house of worship, these first important places are difficult to decide as there are many of them. Quite a few places need parsonages.

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Our institutional work is in general known to the Conference. Bozeman Deaconess Hospital has a permanent footing now. The fine new building is a great credit. With careful financing all will come clear. Sidney Deaconess Hospital has had a year of service that gives it rank with our fine institutions of this character. Drouth conditions make necessary skillful financing. Facilities and improvements are necessary soon. The Billings Protestant Deaconess hospital is as the Chinese student defined the egg,—“A chicken not yet.” This institution is staying too long in the critical formative stage. Dr. Garland's months of valuable service can not be overestimated. Forsyth is offering us a hospital but our deaconess work of this order groans for lifeservice young women. I am fully convinced the time has come when Montana hospital interests should employ a skillful and experienced person in full command.

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Our state Home Missions Council performed a function within the district worthy of mention. A sister denomination attempted the occupancy of Sumatra along with us. Our prior occupancy and unbroken record was clear. The case was submitted to a committee of three

disinterested parties of disinterested denominations. Their decision left us undisturbed. This case gives hope that there is a possible adjustment for the so-called over-churched communities.

Our report should mention the General Conference of last May, since you delegated me to represent you there. The actions of the body are now familiar history. I have given impressions in both the Messenger and the Pacific Christian Advocate. We had a little part in a few matters pertinent to our field such as an enabling act for an all Montana conference, an editor for the Pacific Advocate, a word for our retired resident Bishop Cooke and a glad part in the retention of the Area in tack and bringing Bishop Charles Wesley Burns to it. Our welcome, Bishop Burns, is as boundless as this glorious west.

During our district service of ten years, twenty-two churches and twelve parsonages have been built or reconstructed. More than half on this District. Before the field can claim even apologetic equipment many times this must be the task. The next superintendent will be in no danger of unemployment. Drouth and war defeated our good beginning in this work.

Consulting personal physical resources I am persuaded I should yield the field. Experience has given me an ardent love for it. My labors with pastors and people of both districts have endeared these best people of earth to me. You will call I trust a younger man to district duty who will lay his foundations for a constructive program covering a period of years. The time limit is off. He will have my God Speed. I bespeak for him yours. He will probably make financial sacrifice. He will forego domestic comforts. He will suffer a severe drain on physical energies. He will likely sacrifice a coveted pastoral career, not by his preference but by your call. He must be ready to carry his office, his library, and his wardrobe in his suitcase. Along with these he must take his dress parade countenance, his artesian well of patience and a heart rich in Divine grace and prepare to be several hundred miles from home weeks at a time. The district now has at least a dozen new charges since the time I first covered it. Some it is true have dropped out. New charges should multiply rapidly with return of normal conditions.

Personally I have been accorded the most brotherly consideration. Officially I do not recall many words of approval.

The official position assigned me by no personal choice has been assailed, not on Yellowstone district as such, but in general by both pastors and people. Time was when the district was an integral unit in our work, enjoying distinct morale, program and interests. Much of this is endangered in handed-down schedules and drives, with fixed programs often ill-fitted to local conditions. Experience prompts me to plead for this work in general and for Yellowstone district in particular and surely for my successor on the field, even though I risk popular sentiment in these utterances. Except for this office Yellowstone district would never have opened work at Baker, Fairview, Sioux Pass, Fish Tail, Edwards, Hardin, Ingomar and other fields numerous. Other fields were saved in critical junctures. Be it

agreed then the office is essential. Some one will fill it with heartiest support of all concerned. Fervently praying divine favor upon past labors and divine guidance in future needs I am faithfully yours, Bishop and Conference, with most fraternal and cordial regard.

EDWARD SMITH.

(b) COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

APPRECIATION

We desire to express first of all our delightful appreciation of our beloved resident Bishop Charles Wesley Burns and to assure him of our most cordial welcome to himself and family. His able, affable and brotherly attitude as our presiding officer has endeared him to all of us. We hereby pledge him our most loyal support in all forward movements he leads in the Helena Area.

The genuine hospitality and kindly treatment accorded us by the people of St. Paul's and Oakes Street Churches and by the citizens of Helena generally.

The forethought and care of the Pastors and Ladies' Aid Societies:

The courtesy of the Broadwater Hotel Management, the Chamber of Commerce, and business men, in providing for our Saturday afternoon recreation is hereby gratefully acknowledged.

We rejoice with Miss Beck and her associates of the Montana Deaconess School in the wonderful success with which God has blessed their efforts and most heartily commend to all our people the Van Orsdal Memorial Building and urge upon all the most liberal support of that enterprise; and assure Financial Secretary Chirgwin our utmost help in his great task.

The banquet spread for us at the Deaconess school was indeed a feast and we hereby record our appreciation and thanks.

To President Donaldson, Mrs. Tait and all connected with Montana Wesleyan Dormitory, we express our grateful thanks for the many privileges accorded to us; the fine opportunities for fellowship and acquaintance made possible to us by residency in the dormitory we thoroughly enjoyed.

The beautiful flowers which have greeted our eyes each day in this Conference Church—we owe to the love and care of Miss Alta Neville who, though a sufferer, in her room each day arranged the basket and bouquets for our pleasure. God bless Miss Neville whom we thank with all our hearts.

AUDITORS.

I have examined the account of the Conference Treasurer for the year 1919-20, and have found it to be correct.

PAUL M. ADAMS, Conference Auditor.

We have examined the accounts of the District Superintendents, and find them to be correct.

W. A. CALVERT,
A. D. WELCH.

CENTENARY

We recognize the Centenary to be the greatest achievement in all missionary history. For the first time, we are as a Church, giving adequately to further world salvation. The centenary emphasis on stewardship, life service, intercession, and evangelism has been of salutary effect on our church life.

It is now urgent that we keep up the Centenary spirit and secure 100% payment on Centenary pledges. We therefore recommend, first, that special attention be given to the Centenary subscriptions in seeing delinquents and reporting and tracing removals and transfers. Second, that a subscription be secured from every new member and non-subscribing Methodist, immediately, Third, that greater emphasis be placed on Missionary education from the pulpit, in the Sunday School and in the societies of the Church.

H. G. HUMPHREY.

DEACONESS BOARD

The meeting of the Conference Deaconess Board was called to order Friday afternoon, August 27th, 1920, H. G. Humphrey presiding. Prayer was offered by J. A. Martin.

The newly organized Board, according to the rules of the last General Conference, is made up of the following members: Roxana Beck, Helen C. Piper, J. Leone Rice, Blanche L. Baker, Ethel Hancock, Maryellen Davidson, Mary Jeannette Burns, Annabelle Harper, Ruby C. Hulbert, Edith R. Ackerman, H. Grace Linfield, Ida C. Hills, Anna Helikson, Elta E. Reed, Monta Bane, Cora F. Menely, Pastor of the Mountain View Church, Pastor of the Bozeman M. E. Church, John Chirgwin, A. D. Welch, Mrs. Jennie Mills, L. K. MacNeill, Wm. Lutey, Charles Leonard, J. C. Blackman, C. L. Brattin, W. S. Davidson, A. G. Berthot, F. B. Reynolds and the Pastor of our Billings Church and the two District Superintendents.

The following officers were nominated: President, A. D. Welch; First Vice President, Edith Ackerman; Second Vice President, Anna Helikson; Secretary, John Chirgwin; Treasurer, L. K. MacNeill. These officers form the Executive Committee.

The following disciplinary questions were asked and answered: 1. "Has the standing of each Deaconess been approved"? Answer, "Yes." 2. "Who have been received by transfer and from what Conference?" Answer, "Elta E. Reed from North Montana Conference." 3. "Who have been transferred and to what Conference"? Answer, "Miss Mildred Christensen, a Probationer, is transferred to the Rock River Conference". 4. "Who are the probationers in studies of the first year"? Answer, "None". 5. "Who are the Probationers in the studies of the Second Year"? Answer, "None". 6. "Who have been licensed as Deaconesses"? Answer, "Having filled the necessary two years of Probation and meeting the disciplinary requirements satisfactorily, we recommend that Augusta Nelson be granted a Deaconess license, and be consecrated this following Sunday". 7. "Who have been consecrat-

ed as Deaconesses"? Answer, "Augusta Nelson". 8. "Who have been elected Associate Deaconesses"? Answer, "None." 9. "Who have been re-elected Associate Deaconesses"? Answer, "None". 10. "Who have been re-admitted"? Answer, "None". 11. "Who are the Retired Deaconesses"? Answer, "None". 12. Who have been granted Leave of Absence"? Answer, "Mary Jeannette Burns and H. Grace Linfield. The latter is on her second year of absence". 13. "Who have received Honorable Discharge"? Answer, "None". 14. "Who have been discontinued"? Answer, "None". 15. "Who have withdrawn"? Answer, "None". 17. "Who have been expelled" Answer, "None". 18. "Who have died"? Answer, "None". 19. "Where are the Deaconesses appointed"? Answer, "See 'Appointments'."

The following committees were appointed: Committee on Transfers, Admission and Relations, Roxana Beck, Helen Piper and J. Leone Rice. Committee on Work of Deaconesses and Reports, Executive Committee. Committee on Examinations, Ida Hills and Pastor of Mountain View Church.

A motion was made and carried that an evening instead of an afternoon of the Conference Session be given over to the Deaconess Anniversary, and that the Executive Committee report accordingly to the Annual Conference Program Committee.

The Conference Deaconess Board after much thought and consideration appointed a Committee consisting of the Bishop, the Superintendent of the Yellowstone District, Rev. J. A. Martin, Miss Ida C. Hills, and the pastor of Forsyth, to make an investigation of the new hospital at Forsyth, Montana, and if suitable terms can be made with the Commissioners of Rosebud County and a capable person can be found to act as Superintendent, we endorse heartily the project.

We recommend the appointment by the Bishop of a Field Secretary for the Deaconess Hospitals in Montana, his salary to be paid by the hospitals in proportion to the time spent, said salary to be two hundred dollars a month and expenses.

Dr. D. W. Howells, Corresponding Secretary of the General Deaconess Board, was present during the meeting and offered many timely suggestions.

Respectfully submitted,
A. D. WELCH,
JOHN CHIRGWIN.

DEACONESS SCHOOL—FIELD SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To the Members of the Montana Conference:

Dear Bishop and Brethren: I herewith submit my seventh annual report as Field Secretary of the Montana Deaconess School, our institution for children in the state of Montana.

Immediately after Conference of last year, I began my duties and have continued to the present without a day's intermission. This past year has been a hard year financially for our people. Conditions of the past year have depleted the bank account of many a

good stock man. The bankers also, who have been very kind to us, have felt the strain as badly as the more humble folks. Therefore, the only way to keep up our record of the past, was to work harder. This I have done to the very best of my ability.

The financial results are as follows: Received in cash for the Sustentation of our institution, \$7,163.00; received in cash for the "Bro. Van Memorial," \$3,222.00; adding to these sums in bona fide subscriptions for the Memorial, \$20,627.50, makes a total in cash and subscriptions of \$31,012.50. This year has proven to be the best yet, financially.

During the past year, our institution has turned away about 150 children for lack of accommodations, with no other Protestant institution in the state to take care of them. Something must be done.

On the 19th day of December of last year, death took from us our beloved fellow-worker and Vice-President of the Board of Trustees, the late W. W. Van Orsdel. It has been decided by representatives of Methodism in Montana to erect a Memorial Building on the campus of the Montana Deaconess School, during the coming year. To this end, a campaign has been launched for the raising of \$100,000.00 for the purpose above named. During the last five months, I have been trying to secure ten gifts of One Thousand Dollars each, twenty gifts of Five Hundred Dollars each, forty gifts of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars each and two hundred gifts of One Hundred Dollars each, which make a total of Fifty Thousand Dollars. Our plan is to follow this by a General Campaign to be adopted by the two Montana Conferences for the raising of the balance needed. To this date, I have secured: three gifts of One Thousand Dollars each, four gifts of Five Hundred Dollars each, one gift of Three Hundred Dollars, twenty gifts of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars, sixty-nine gifts of One Hundred Dollars each, fifty-two gifts of Fifty Dollars each, one gift of Thirty Dollars and small gifts amounting to \$3,530.00, making a total of \$23,360.00. In addition, a friend of this institution, who is over eighty years of age, has made his will in our favor leaving his entire estate for our work. Another good man and his wife have decided to give an annuity to us and to the Montana Wesleyan College, which possibly may amount to Thirty Thousand Dollars for each of our schools. The bright day is breaking for Methodist institutions in Montana.

I cannot close this report without thanking our splendid pastors for the assistance they have given me these many years. I beg of each of you to be awake to the possibilities we have as pastors, of helping and advertising our institutions not only to Methodist congregations but to our Protestant friends as well. I think it would not be boasting to state that I could raise the quota of any charge for the "Bro. Van Memorial" without soliciting a Methodist. Yet, that would not be wise for every loyal Methodist who is able financially will desire to have a share in this great work.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN CHIRGWIN.

We, the Committee, appointed by the Board of Trustees of the Montana Deaconess School at Helena, Montana, desire to present this report:

The Montana Deaconess School, an institution for children within the bounds of our state and under the auspices of the Methodist Episcopal Church, has had ten years of unparalleled success. During the last six years, this institution has been turning away children from its doors, because of lack of accommodations.

This institution was established mainly through the efforts of the late Rev. W. W. Van Orsdel, Mrs. Jacob Mills, Dr. Edw. L. Mills, Miss Louise Stork, a deaconess, and some ministers who are now active on the Board of Trustees. Soon after the death of the late Rev. W. W. Van Orsdel, consensus of opinion deemed it fitting and wise that we should erect a suitable memorial to his life and work. A meeting was called in the city of Helena, last February, for the purpose of ascertaining what kind of a memorial should be erected and where it should be placed. Members of the Boards of Trustees of the Montana Wesleyan College and Montana Deaconess School as well as representatives of all the Deaconess Hospitals in the state were present. This meeting was very interesting, and at its close, the chairman appointed the four District Superintendents of our Church in Montana as a committee to make the decision. Within three weeks, it was unanimously decided that a building should be erected on the campus of the Montana Deaconess School, the same to be known as "Brother Van Memorial". Immediately afterwards, the Memorial organization was perfected, the Building Committee, Publicity Committee and the Campaign Committee have been quite active. Rev. John Chirgwin, the present Field Secretary of this institution, has been appointed to lead the campaign for \$100,000.00. Mr. George Carsley, an architect, well known in Helena and throughout the state, has been chosen to direct the work. On the 28th day of this month, the ground is to be broken for the new building. Already, over Twenty Thousand Dollars has been subscribed for the Memorial. It can be readily seen that this is a great task given to the Field Secretary of the Montana Deaconess School. Should he be successful in raising Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars a day, it would take him nearly a year and a half to complete the work alone.

Be It Therefore Resolved, That this Conference endorse a campaign to be put on throughout the State of Montana, the first week in November, and that week to be known as "Bro. Van Memorial Week"; That from every Methodist pulpit in Montana, on the preceding Sabbath, October 31st, some reference be made to the life of this great man; That we here and now, endorse and enter into this program whole-heartedly, determined by the help of God, to go Forward.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN CHIRGWIN,
CHAS. L. BOVARD,
CHARLES D. CROUCH.

EDUCATION

1. We desire to voice the approval of, and readiness to support the changes which the recent General Conference made in the educational program for the Church. Recognizing the importance of the Children's Day Collection, we pledge our active co-operation in making this day a source of inspiration to our youth, and through generous offerings aid the Board of Education in its splendid work of assisting worthy Methodist young men and women in securing an education.

2. We voice our deep appreciation for the assistance rendered by the Board of Education through its gifts of five thousand dollars to the sustentation of the College during the past year, and its plan to increase the regular offering to the School from the Montana Conferences from 66% of the grade basis to 100%, which increases amounts to \$2,331.00, and their promise to give Montana Wesleyan College every possible assistance during the coming year.

3. We wish to express our gratitude to the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension for the generous provision they have made for ex-service men; thirty-two young men were assisted through Montana Wesleyan College last year by grants of from one hundred to two hundred dollars, the total amount of help thus received being about \$3,700.00.

4. While the apportionment of 8% of pastor's cash salary for Montana Wesleyan College automatically ceases under the Centenary Conservation plan, yet the Education Collection is included in the Centenary askings, and Montana Wesleyan receives its share. However, to meet the needs of Wesleyan, we recommend the observance of a Montana Wesleyan day to be held on the Sabbath immediately following the week of prayer for Colleges, and that on that day a sermon be delivered in every pulpit in the interest of our College and Christian Education, and that an offering be taken for our College.

5. In view of the increasing demands made upon the ministry in these days, we would emphasize the importance of thorough preparation of those who have the ministry in view, and of special theological training as a vital factor in such training; to such we commend the theological schools of our Church. We express our gratification of the good work being done at Kimball School of Theology, Salem, Oregon, founded for the purpose of serving the Church in this great Northwest, and note with satisfaction the strengthening of the faculty and plans for immediate enlargement of equipment and endowment.

6. We respectfully urge the establishment of a School for pastors under the direction and with the support of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, for the coming year at Montana Wesleyan College, such School to be open to the pastors of the Montana Conference and adjacent territory.

7. This year being the thirtieth anniversary of the founding of Montana Wesleyan College, we desire to acknowledge our indebtedness to the heroes of the faith who through long years amid diffi-

culties and discouragements builded our institution to its present efficiency and permanency. We desire to pledge our unswerving allegiance to the cause of Christian education in Montana, we will gladly open our pulpits to the cause, and we assure the Board of Trustees and the present administration of the College our hearty co-operation and support.

8. Growing out of the efforts of the Federal Council of Churches and the Interchurch movement, efforts have been made on the part of several denominations to bring about a union of educational interests in the state. While we in no wise are discouraged with the present outlook for our Methodist College, yet we feel that it would be a mistake to refuse the overtures of other denominations for at least a consideration of a union of interests. At their recent meeting at Bozeman, the Presbyterians appointed a Committee of nine to sit with like committees of the other denominations of the State, to consider the matter of uniting the educational interests of the State around some one College. We recommend the appointment of a like Committee, three members from the Montana Conference, three members from the North Montana Conference, and three to be appointed by the Board of Trustees of Montana Wesleyan College, to consult with like Committees from other Churches, to see if any plans for harmonizing all interests be possible.

For the Montana Conference, we present the names of Charles M. Donaldson, Jacob Mills and George D. Wolfe, on this Committee.

9. We recommend the names of the following for trustees of Montana Wesleyan College, R. P. Smith and E. L. Mills to succeed themselves for a term of three years, and H. G. Humphrey to succeed Charles M. Donaldson for a term of two years.

We recommend Charles D. Crouch and Geo. D. Wolfe as Trustees of Kimball School of Theology, and the two District Superintendents as Conference Visitors to that Institution.

GEO. D. WOLFE.

MONTANA WESLEYAN COLLEGE

REPORT OF PRESIDENT

To the Members of the Montana Conference, Greetings:

It gives me great pleasure to bring the cheering word to the members of my old conference that Montana Wesleyan College has weathered the storm of war, drouth and financial panic and is continuing her voyage with fresh hope and promise. While having served as President of Montana Wesleyan College but a little over four months it has fallen to my lot to present at this time the annual report for our Methodist school. At the session of the Montana Conference held at Glendive late in August last year, Bishop Cook appointed me to act under Centenary direction as Business Administrator for the School. For some time previous, as chairman of the Executive Committee, an insight into the business affairs of Montana Wesleyan College was granted me, so it was with no misapprehension of the task

that I assumed the financial management of the institution. The uncertainty as to the completion of the new building had disorganized faculty and prospective student-body. The necessity of curtailment of expenditures along all lines was apparent.

Dean Lemon was chosen to look after the organizing of the faculty and the arrangement of the college courses. Splendidly did this gifted young man measure up to his task. With marked efficiency he carried forward the work of the school throughout the year. The enthusiasm and the loyalty of the student-body bears eloquent testimony to the vigor and efficiency of the work. The enrollment for all departments was 168, of these 66 were enrolled in the college department, 73 in the academy, 44 in the music department, and 24 in the commercial department.

A splendid faculty was secured and one of the best years in the history of Montana Wesleyan College resulted. The Board of Home Missions and Church Extension granted in all 32 war scholarships. This enabled 32 of our young men who had seen service overseas or in the training camps at home to enter Wesleyan College and carry forward their work. New courses in Education and Journalism were arranged and several departments greatly strengthened.

A vigorous publicity campaign was carried on and people over the state soon came to realize that Wesleyan was on the map. A championship football team, a successful Glee Club, winning teams in debate, and a general high average of scholarship gave the school a spirit and enthusiasm of high order. The close of the school year found graduating classes as follows: 14 had successfully completed the academic work; 3 received diplomas from the commercial school; 3 from the conservatory of music, and 3 graduated with the degree of B. A. from the college. When one considers the difficulties encountered and the uncertainty that marked the opening of the year, the success of the year seems all the more remarkable and high praise should be given Dean Lemon and the faculty for the success of the year's work.

Completion of Mills Hall.

The completion of the new dormitory, now known as Mills Hall, marks a distinct epoch in the growth and development of Montana Wesleyan. It has been said that "anything worth having is worth struggling for". If the value of the new building were to be measured by the struggles it has called forth, it is certainly worth a great deal to us. The entire building, as it now stands, completed, well equipped and furnished has cost in round numbers \$125,000.00. If one were to ask me how the completion of the new building were financed I would be compelled to say, "By faith and prayer". With credit exhausted, bills on every hand, contractors demanding pay, and liens threatened, it seemed, late in August, as if the end had been reached. However, the bankers of Helena came to our aid, temporary loans were made, \$10,000.00 at the Conrad Bank and \$10,000.00 at the Union Bank, and the pressure thus relieved.

But this proved of only temporary relief. Letter after letter came to the office from the drouth sections of the state stating that it was impossible to meet the subscriptions and asking for an extension of time. The advisability of bonding the new building became apparent but there was already outstanding \$20,000.00 in bonds on Helena Hall. Finally arrangements were made with Palmer and Company, Bonding Company, who held the old bonds on Helena Hall to take up these bonds in a new issue of \$60,000.00. After the premium of \$3,000.00, insurance and accrued interest on the old bonds was taken care of, \$35,828.00 remained with which to finance the completion of the new building. With this amount of money the building was rapidly rushed to completion and on October 30 the formal opening of the new Mills Hall took place, Dr. Hancher, of the Board of Education, being the guest of the evening. The building, as it stands, has been pronounced by no less an authority than Dr. Stockwell, of the Presbyterian Board of Education, as being one of the finest buildings of its kind in the country. It stands as a splendid memorial to the self-sacrificing efforts and labors of Dr. Sweetland.

The committee to select furnishings for the rooms secured bids and prices and finally made a contract with A. P. Curtin. The furnishings include a rug, two beds, dresser, study table, two chairs, and a rocker. The total cost of the furnishings was \$8,108.95.

Emergency Campaign.

Since the drouth throughout two-thirds of the state made the collection of the subscription of the first campaign almost impossible and since some \$60,000.00 additional was needed to complete the building and meet the notes as they fell due, an emergency campaign was launched in the sections of the state where there was a chance of success. The southwestern portions of the state, including Great Falls, and Lewistown were canvassed, \$13,322.00 being secured in pledges and \$6,313.00 in collections. A campaign was then planned for Helena. Dr. W. M. Dudley, secured from the finance department of the Board of Education, assisted in the campaign. Rev. Huston, Rev. Haynes, Rev. Spaulding, Rev. Reid, Dr. Bovard, Dr. Crouch, and Rev. Mecklenburg gave splendid assistance. From the Helena campaign \$46,479.08 was secured in pledges and cash subscriptions. In all new subscriptions have been taken to the amount of \$60,914.08 and \$21,066.48 in collections. Of this amount \$7,647.10 has been collected on old subscriptions and \$13,419.38 on the new subscriptions. While we are not yet out of the woods and will not be until all collections have been made, yet at last, thank God, there is a glimmer of light ahead and a promise of a new and brighter day for Wesleyan is assured.

Liabilities.

It will be seen by referring to the financial statement that Wesleyan faces financial liabilities totaling about \$98,335.00. Of this amount \$18,500.00 is due and payable this fall. In other words on outstanding

subscriptions and through additional gifts \$20,000.00 must be secured to meet the obligations and interest falling due. Only a good crop and a general easing of the money situation can make this possible. The hearty co-operation of the pastors and various churches is necessary to meet the situation. We have outstanding and collectible \$27,445.00 in former campaign subscriptions and \$47,543.00 in emergency campaign subscriptions. During the years of war and drouth Montana Wesleyan, in common with other schools throughout the country, had difficulty in meeting its budget. August 31 last year the school faced an accumulated deficit of \$6,482.70. Heroic efforts were made during the year to hold down the expenses and to keep within the budget but at the close of the present fiscal year we face a deficit in maintenance and sustentation of \$1,307.00. This deficit for several years has acted as a millstone about the neck of the institution. As speedily as possible it should be entirely wiped out. From whatever angle one may view the affairs of Wesleyan, the necessity of an endowment is seen to be imperative. Just as soon as conditions warrant an endowment campaign for \$300,000.00 must be planned. Without adequate endowment normal growth and development is impossible. We must gird ourselves for this effort and constantly bear in mind that our next great effort in Montana must be to protect the welfare of our college by an adequate endowment.

Aid From the Board of Education

Through the year splendid aid was given by the Board of Education, to the extent of \$5,000.00. Without this aid Montana Wesleyan could not have carried through the program of the year. For ten years Montana Wesleyan College has been dependent upon the eight per cent collection from the conferences to meet its budget. This amount, by recent ruling, has been lost to us save as the Board of Education makes regular contributions to Montana Wesleyan College. To avoid confusion it is necessary that in the future all Centenary monies, including the gift for education and Wesleyan be sent to the Centenary treasurer. The college has faced serious embarrassment during the spring and summer months because only a comparatively small amount was sent in from the churches to apply on Sustentation. It has been suggested by the Board of Education, the suggestion being endorsed by the Executive Committee, that each of the charges of the North Montana and Montana Conferences be requested to set aside a Sunday service to present the cause of Montana Wesleyan College and take a collection for the same. It is suggested that the conference set as its goal for this special offering the sum of two thousand dollars. This, it is estimated, will bridge the gap and make up the difference between the old eight per cent apportionment and the regular amount sent out from the Centenary office through the Board of Education. Splendid encouragement has been given by Dr. Harris, Dr. Seaton, and Dr. Hancher, all of the Board of Education, Dr. Seaton and Dr. Hancher have both visited the college during the year and

made valuable suggestions concerning the development of the institution.

Outlook Bright.

While the financial statement indicates obligations to be met and burdens to be borne, yet the indebtedness rightly considered is not a measure of failure but rather a measure of growth and development. Until recently Wesleyan was not in a position to offer any regular college work. Now it offers the full four years' course with sanction from the Board of Education to grant the B. A. and B. S. degrees. A few years ago the teaching force was comparatively few in numbers, now there are sixteen full time teachers, eight of whom have masters degrees, with a number of assistant instructors. The growth of the college during recent years is indicated in the number enrolled in the college. In 1916, 15 students were doing college work; in 1917 there were 40 college students enrolled; in 1918, 33; in 1919 the enrollment for the college was 66. It is gratifying to note the steadily increasing number of college students. While Montana Wesleyan is proud to offer opportunity for young men and young women who have not had opportunity to do their full preparatory work, yet the future of the college should tend more and more to the development of the collegiate work.

Preachers and Life Service Summer School.

A number of summer schools for pastors have been held throughout the country under the direction and management of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension. It is the hope and plan of the present administration to secure, if possible, a summer school for city pastors to be held at Montana Wesleyan College. Institutes for rural pastors have been held at Gooding and other nearby points but a great many of our ministers have expressed a desire to attend a school for city pastors. It is greatly hoped that the Board of Home Missions will grant this request.

For some years our plea has been for more workers for Montana. This problem will be largely met through the development of the college courses at Wesleyan and the emphasis upon life service. At the present time at Wesleyan we have ten young preachers in training and forty who have expressed a desire to enter life service in some form or other. This life workers group is an earnest, loyal, enthusiastic body of students. We expect the number to be largely increased during the coming year. From such a group Montana Methodism is sure to secure some splendid recruits for the work on rural charges, in Deaconess hospitals, and in our schools.

Improvements.

Several quite necessary improvements have been planned and will be carried out as rapidly as financial conditions warrant. A street improvement district has been created extending from the street car track well beyond the buildings. Sidewalks, boulevarding, lights

and trees will be installed and the street widened and brought to a uniform grade. The work is temporarily halted because of the difficulty in placing the bonds at the present time. It is hoped, however, that this improvement will be made during the fall. Plans are also on the way to building a fence around the athletic field and work has already been started on this. As soon as the street grade is fixed, walks and roads about the buildings will be completed. The Epworth Leagues of Montana have generously provided for the improvement of the campus.

Aim for the Year.

Our anxiety and prayer is to make Montana Wesleyan a Christian college in fact as well as in name. We believe that Christian education has a distinct field and also a distinct appeal. To interpret the truth as it is in Jesus Christ is the high aim which we hold to face the work of the year.

The task before us is a hard one. If the writer felt that he were undertaking the task alone his courage would fail. He refuses, however, to be isolated in a task of such general interest and value. He claims the sympathy and co-operation of the splendid brotherhood of the Methodist ministry of the Montana Conferences. As a fellow worker assigned to a task of mutual interest he seeks your counsel, your sympathetic co-operation, and your prayers. It is God's work. the call to develop a Christian leadership is upon the church. Montana Wesleyan College furnishes the opportunity. We must back it to the last man for it is abundantly worth while.

CHAS. M. DONALDSON.

EPWORTH LEAGUE

Believing that the Epworth League is the training school for ministers, missionaries, deaconesses and other leaders in Church activities, we pledge our support of the entire program of the Montana State Epworth League. We pledge ourselves to do our utmost in organizing a League in each charge, to aid in the establishment of study classes in Bible, Missions, Stewardship and Citizenship, to help enroll the young people in the Morning Watch, and the work of Mercy and Help, and in promoting the social program of the young people. We express our readiness to co-operate in raising the sum of five cents per week per member for the support of the missionary and promotion work of the League. We recognize the large place which the Junior League has in the life of the Church, and pledge our hearty support to the State program which seeks a more intensive work among our boys and girls. Realizing that there is no other one agency in the Church today that is providing the means and inspiration in directing the young people of our Church into definite Christian leadership, we nominate and appoint every minister of this Conference as a special booster for the Epworth League Institute at Wolf Creek in 1921, and urge that not less than four young people be sent from each charge to the Institute.

J. G. ROSS,
CHARLES F. WOLFE.

HOME MISSIONS

Your Board of Home Missions and Church Extension respectfully report that during the conference year they have held regular meetings that all business intrusted to us we have given the most careful and prompt attention.

During the year we have been favored with a delightful visit from Dr. M. P. Burns of the department of Cities. We thankfully acknowledge our indebtedness to his wise counsel and brotherly consideration.

It is the purpose of the churches of Butte under the inspiration of your Conference Board to proceed in the near future to the organization of a City Mission.

We also record our appreciation of the help rendered us by Dr. E. L. Mills at this Conference session and rejoice in the constant interest he manifests in the work of our Church in the Treasure state.

During the year we have acted on the following applications:

Loans

Anaconda	\$3,500.00
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Donations.

Fairview	\$ 500.00	Butte, Floral Park.....	\$ 352.00
Miles City	3,200.00	White Pine	200.00
St. Paul's, Helena.....	700.00	Three Forks	750.00
Butte, Silver Bow.....	1,000.00	Helena, Oakes Street.....	2,000.00

This generous aid together with the splendid maintenance provision amounting to \$16,850.00 was only possible because of the great Centenary success.

We therefore urge all pastors to give diligent attention to the collection of Centenary subscriptions and constantly endeavor to find new subscribers to the fund.

The following are our askings for the coming year which we pledge ourselves to administer with the most scrupulous care and economy:

Maintenance, Butte District.....	\$ 8,400.00
Building Project, Butte District.....	9,500.00
Maintenance, Yellowstone District.....	8,100.00
Building, Yellowstone District.....	14,500.00

Building Projects.**Butte District**

Avon Circuit	\$ 500
Butte: Grace	500
Butte: Mt. Bethel.....	2,000
Butte: Silver Bow.....	3,000
Helena, Oakes St.....	500
Philipsburg	500

Yellowstone District

Baker	\$ 3,000
Hardin	3,000
Ingomar	1,000
Joliet Circuit	1,500
Richey	1,000

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Thompson Falls	500	Sidney	4,000
Twin Bridges	2,000	Wilsall	1,000
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Total.....	\$9,500	Total.....	\$14,500

Attested by:

CHARLES WESLEY BURNS,
Bishop.

CHAS. RHODES,
Secretary of Conference.

NEGRO EDUCATION.

One of the strategic enactments of the recent historic General Conference was the election for the first time of General Superintendents of negro blood. These bishops are the product of the Schools which are operating under what will for the future be known as the Board of Negro Education instead of the Freedmen's Aid Society as formerly.

Since the colored man has demonstrated his ability to take his place with his white brethren in things pertaining to the Kingdom of God, we call upon our pastors to observe as never before, in proper form, Lincoln Sunday for the adequate presentation of the claims of the said Board of Negro Education.

CONFERENCE STEWARDS.

Income.

For Annuity Distribution:

Book Concern Dividend.....	\$ 886.00
Chartered Fund Dividend.....	35.00
Part of Support paid by the Churches.....	1,978.00
Income from Conference Investments.....	125.00
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Total.....	\$ 3,024.00

For Necessitous Distribution:

Board of Conference Claimants' Dividend.....	\$ 500.00
Part of Support Paid by Churches.....	891.00
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Total.....	\$4,415.00

Number of Effective Members of Conference.....	36
Total average salary received by them.....	\$1,300.00
Legal rate for each year of "effective" service	
(1/70 of the average salary).....	18.50

Years to be accounted for, including all relinquished years

Retired ministers ("effective" years, plus two years on trial)264

Widows (three-fourths of "effective years served with husband)126

Children (one-fifth of father's "effective" years for each child) 8

Retired Ministers; years relinquished..... 56

Widows; years relinquished..... 6

Total "full" years of preachers, widows and children...398

Total of Annuity Claims figured at above rate, \$18.50

per year multiplied by 398 "full" years..... \$7,363.00

Rate paid this year, \$9.00 per year, or 50% of the legal rate.

Distribution to Preachers.

	Years Counted	Amount Paid	Special Aid	Total Paid
A. P. Morrison	43	\$387	\$ 13	\$400
John Hosking	24	216	44	260
Andrew Kershaw	30	270	.....	270
S. E. Snider	22	198	202	400
S. A. Oliver	32	288	.....	288
J. A. Badcon	25	225	.....	225
G. D. King	25	*	.....	.....
Jacob Mills	31	*	.....	.....
W. H. Calvert	---	288	.....	288
Wilder Nutting	---	198	.....	198

*Relinquished.

Distribution to Widows.

	Years Allowed Three-fourths	Annuity Paid	Special Aid	Total Paid
Mrs. Cordelia Lowry	11	\$ 99	\$ 26	\$125
Mrs. A. D. Raleigh.....	18	162	288	450
Mrs. Clara Ware.....	25	225	.....	225
Mrs. Ida Hall	7	63	37	100
Mrs. Allan Rodger.....	8	72	228	300
Mrs. L. H. Mickel.....	12	108	.....	108
Mrs. C. P. Adams.....	15	135	25	160
Mrs. Isia B. Miller.....	6	*	.....	.....
Mrs. J. W. Tait.....	20	180	120	300
Mrs. J. M. Whiteley.....	4	36	64	100

*Relinquished.

Distribution to Children.

	Father's Effective Years	Years Allowed One-fifth	Annuity Paid	Special Aid	Total Paid
Morris Adams	20	5	\$45	\$ 25	\$ 70
Gertrude Snider		3	27	123	150

HENRY A. JAMES, President.

JOHN A. MEEKE, Secretary.

CHARLES E. CUNNINGHAM, Treasurer.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

We express our pleasure in the selection of Dr. W. S. Bovard to the Secretaryship of the Board of Sunday Schools, and pledge our loyal co-operation.

We appreciate the visit of Dr. M. J. Trenery, and his vigorous and inspiring presentation of the work of the Board.

We urge the holding of a Sunday School Training Conference at Montana Wesleyan College, at some time during the summer of 1921, and request the Board of Sunday Schools to help provide strong leadership on the teaching force of such School.

We further request the appointment of two additional Sunday School missionaries by the Board of Sunday Schools, one to do special intensive work throughout the State, and the other to do extension work in the unoccupied territory within the bounds of the Montana Conference.

We urge the pastors to organize leadership training classes in every Church, and wherever possible to organize and help maintain Sunday Schools in communities adjacent to their parishes where they are needed. We urge the use of graded Sunday School literature in all our Schools.

We commend the liberal offers of the Board of Sunday Schools to grant free literature to Sunday Schools requiring such aid in order to live.

We commend the Bureau of Architecture to any charge contemplating the erection of a new Church in order that adequate provision be made in such churches for Sunday School purposes.

CHAS. M. DONALDSON,
H. G. HUMPHREY.

TEMPERANCE, PROHIBITION AND PUBLIC MORALS

We congratulate the people of Montana and of the Methodist Episcopal Church on the splendid victories in the cause of Prohibition won in the last few years. The work of our own Board of Temperance Prohibition and Public Morals is to us and to the nation a cause for thanksgiving. To our co-workers in the great fight for public righteousness the Anti-Saloon League and the Woman's Christian Temperance Union we extend our felicitations and assure them of our continued fellowship with them in every good work and word.

Every reason which impelled the people of Montana to work and vote in former years against any legislation making prize fighting lawful in our State is still good. We urge every lover of decency and clean sport to vote and work against the proposed law Referendum Measure No. 14 at the coming election.

We cordially endorse the plan to erect in Washington, Methodist Buildings that will house our Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals and urge our Pastors as far as possible to co-operate in raising the money for that much needed enterprise.

We hereby express our appreciation of the visit of Dr. C. C. Rarrick to our Conference and hope he will come our way again.

We urge our people to continued efforts on the behalf of National Prohibition. The friends of the accursed liquor traffic are constant in their efforts to weaken or nullify our National Prohibition Amendment and the enforcement act. We who believe in righteousness have need for the most heroic and unceasing efforts if we would retain what we have and keep America dry.

The whole world is watching us. If we believe in a dry world we must bend every effort to make our National Prohibition laws respected and observed at home. Looking forward to the day when intoxicating liquors shall be banished from all lands we hereby pledge our utmost endeavors on behalf of World-Wide Prohibition.

GEO. D. WOLFE.

TREASURER.

1919-20 CONFERENCE OF METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF MONTANA.

IN ACCOUNT WITH JACOB MILLS, TREASURER.

Aug. 20/19	Bal. on hand.....	\$2,500.03
Sept. 8/19	Paid C. E. Cunningham, Treasurer C. C. Fund	136.00
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		\$2,364.03
Sept. 8/19	Transfer from Bannack Church Fund, see Conference Minutes, 1919, page 264	78.28
	Transfer from Pyretees Church Fund, see Conference Minutes, 1919, page 264	28.71
	Transfer from Chestnut Church Fund, see Conference Minutes, 1919, page 264	29.08
May 12/20	First Trust & Savings Bank, Billings, final payment (Loss \$82.01).....	54.88
Aug. 20/20	Interest accrued @ 5%.....	125.70
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	Total C. C. Fund.....	\$2,680.68

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Aug. 20/20

White Sulphur Springs, parsonage
fund, Bal.\$ 30.60

Nov. 28/19 Mrs. Rader on sale of parsonage $\%$ 100.00

May 20/20 Mrs. Rader, balance on sale of parson-
age 300.00

\$ 430.60

Revenue Stamps and Recording Deed.. 1.50 429.10

Accrued Interest 5.28

\$ 434.38

Ovando Parsonage Fund, Balance last
year\$ 578.05

Aug. 20/20 Accrued interest @ 5%..... 28.90 \$ 606.95

Bozeman Church mortgage note (Yel-
lowstone District Parsonage Fund).. 2,840.30

By 4 interest payments @ \$42.60 each.. 170.40

To paid Edward Smith, D. S.,\$170.40

July 26

East Gallatin Parsonage Fund.

By the hand of Edward Smith, D. S..... 80.18

Interest accrued33

\$ 80.51

Respectfully submitted,
JACOB MILLS, Treasurer.

(c) THE CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Tuesday, August 24. Conference Examinations. 8 p. m. Public reception for Bishop Burns, at St. Paul's Church, Dr. Charles L. Board, Supt. Butte District, presiding. Addresses of welcome, Gov. S. V. Stewart and Rt. Rev. Bishop William F. Faber. Response by Bishop Charles Wesley Burns.

Wednesday, August 25. 8:30 a. m., Devotions led by the Bishop. 9 a. m. Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Roll Call, Organization and Conference Session. 1:30 p. m., Statistical Session and organization of Committees. 2 p. m., Pastors' Conference at Grand Street Church. 8 p. m., Anniversary of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, Rev. H. G. Humphrey presiding. Address by Dr. Edward Laird Mills.

Thursday, August 26. 8:30 a. m., Devotions led by the Bishop. 9 a. m. Conference Session. 2 p. m., Anniversary of Board of Conference Claimants, J. A. Meeke, Chairman. Address by Dr. Charles R. Oaten of Chicago. 3 p. m., Anniversary of the W. H. M. S., Mrs. N. H. Fuller presiding. Address by Mrs. David Bowers. 6 p. m., Annual "Caleb"

Banquet at Mills Hall. Talks by Calebs and the Bishop, followed at 7:30 by Anniversary Board of Education, Chas. M. Donaldson, D. D., president of Montana Wesleyan College, presiding. Address by Dr. J. L. Seaton, Assistant Secretary of the Board of Education.

Friday, August 28. 8:30 a. m., Devotions led by the Bishop. 9 a. m., Conference Session. 10 a. m., Laymen's Meeting at Grand St. Church. 2 p. m., Anniversary Board of Sunday Schools, Rev. J. O. Randall presiding. Address by Dr. M. J. Trenery of Chicago. 3 p. m., Anniversary Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals, Rev. Jesse Lacklen presiding. Address by Dr. Chas. E. Rarick of Washington, D. C. 9 p. m., Anniversary of W. F. M. S.—Pageant, "The Torch Bearers" by local auxiliary.

Saturday, August 28. 8:30 a. m., Devotions led by Bishop Burns. 9 a. m., Conference Session. 11 a. m., Joint Session of the Conference and the Laymen's Association. 2 p. m., auto drive through the beautiful Helena Valley. 3 p. m., Anniversary of Deaconess Board. Exercises at Deaconess School, Invocation, Rev. J. A. Martin; addresses by Dr. D. W. Howell of Buffalo, N. Y., and Bishop Burns. Singing by the Deaconess Quartette. Ground breaking for "Brother Van" Memorial Building, prayer by Rev. Charles D. Crouch, D. D. Lunch served by the management of the School.

Sunday, August 29. 9 a. m., Conference Love Feast in charge of Rev. Jacob Mills, D. D. 10:30, Public Worship: Sermon by Bishop Burns. 2:30 p. m., Consecration of Deaconesses and Ordination of Deacons and Elders. 7 p. m., Epworth League platform meeting, Rev. John G. Ross presiding. Addresses by Rev. Chas. F. Wolfe and Mrs. Belle Harmon. 8 p. m., Public Worship, Rev. Edward Smith presiding. Sermon by Dr. Howell.

Monday, August 30. 8:00 a. m., Devotions led by Bishop Burns. Conference Session. Reading of Appointments. Adjournment.

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Plan of Conference Examinations

BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

Two examiners for each year's study. These two examiners to divide studies as agreeable to themselves. Examiners to continue in same year until changed by Conference.

John A. Meeke, Chairman, Hardin.

Thomas Hardie, Registrar, Miles City.

For Admission on Trial—

Examiners, A. D. Welch, Fred Whitford.

The English Language.

(a) The art of Writing English, Brown and Barnes. F. Whitford.

(b) American History, James and Sanford. A. D. Welch.

Doctrines and Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church. F. Whitford.

Life of John Wesley, Winchester. A. D. Welch.

Written Paper.

Written Sermon.

First Year—

Examiners, H. G. Humphrey, Chas. F. Wolfe.

New Testament History—Rall. H. G. Humphrey.

Human Behavior—Calvin and Bagley, C. F. Wolfe.

The Making of a Sermon—Pattison. H. G. Humphrey.

How to Study and Teaching How to Study—McMurray. C. F. Wolfe.

Second Year—

Examiners, Edward Smith, E. D. Swisher.

Dictionary of the Bible—Hastings. Edward Smith.

The Bible in the Making—Smyth. Edward Smith.

How We Got Our Bible—Smyth. Edward Smith.

Short History of the Christian Church—Moncrief. Edward Smith.

The Pupil and the Teacher—Weigle. E. D. Swisher.

The Graded Sunday School in Principle and Practice—Meyer. E. D. Swisher.

The Way to Win—Fisher. E. D. Swisher.

Third Year—

Examiners, E. C. Bartlett, T. Hardie.

Beacon Lights of Prophecy—Knudsen. T. Hardie.

Foundations of Christian Belief—Strickland. E. C. Bartlett.

Socialism and Modern Social Problems—Ellwood. T. Hardie.

Introduction to the Study of Modern Comparative Religion—Jevons.
E. C. Bartlett.

Fourth Year—

Examiners, Paul M. Adams, J. G. Ross.

Paul and His Epistles—Hayes. P. M. Adams.

System of Christian Doctrine—Sheldon. P. M. Adams.

Everyday Ethics—Cabot. J. G. Ross.

The New Home Missions—Douglas. J. G. Ross.

Social Aspects of Foreign Missions—France. J. G. Ross.

Local Preacher's Course—

John A. Meeke.

Local Deacon's Orders—

E. C. Bartlett, Thomas Hardie.

Local Elder's Orders—

J. A. Meeke.

NOTES FOR EXAMINERS AND APPLICANTS.

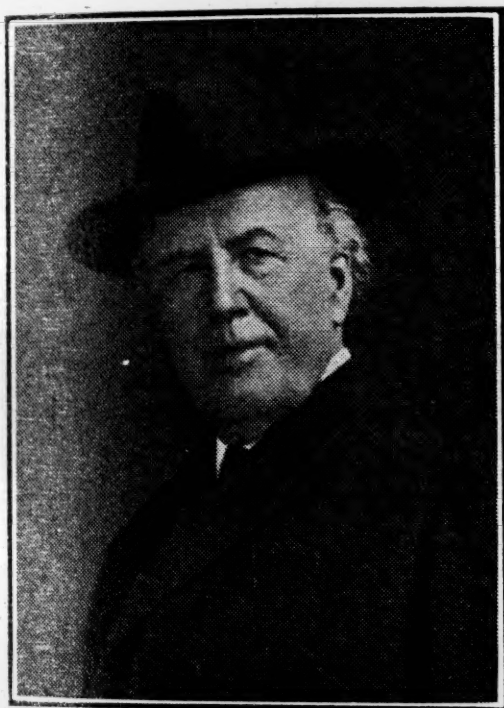
1. Each examiner is required to send to the Chairman a list of questions not later than October 1, 1920.
2. Each candidate will notify the Chairman when ready to pass on any book.
3. The persons conducting an examination will send the candidate's answers to their respective examiners, and the questions back to the Chairman.
4. Each examiner will send three (typewritten, if possible) copies of questions to Chairman, retaining one copy for himself, and after examining the papers submitted by candidate will forward grades to the Registrar.
5. It shall be the duty of the undergraduates desiring to present credit for any subject pursued in school, or Conference, to confer with the examiner before Conference, stating the subject for which he desires credit and to present satisfactory evidence of his standing in the same before the Board of Examiners at its annual meeting at the seat of Conference.
6. Local preachers will apply directly to John A. Meeke, Hardin for information and questions on that course.
7. After the opening session of Conference no candidate will hereafter be admitted to examination.
8. Examiners will keep account of postage expense and submit same to board at annual meeting.
9. Read carefully what the Discipline says, relating to Conference examination. (Appendix, Chapter 8.)
10. Write all sermons, essays, and answers to questions neatly with ink on one side of the paper.
11. Examinations must be taken before a member of the Examining Board, or some person suggested by the District Superintendent. Candidates appointed to remote charges are requested, as far as possible, to arrange to take their examination during the visits of the Superintendent.
12. The Secretary of the Conference is instructed to pay bills incurred by the Chairman and Registrar for the typewriting and postage necessary in the preparation and transmission of examination questions.
13. Each candidate will be required to present a synopsis of each book of collateral reading, same to consist of not less than one thousand words.

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Memoirs

REV. W. W. VAN ORSDEL, D. D.

"BROTHER VAN".



In recognition of forty-seven years of faithful, persevering, pioneer efforts in behalf of the Church which he so worthily served; in appreciation of continuous and loyal support of the educational and philanthropic institutions of the state; in memory of a kind, brotherly and wholehearted devotion to the cause of Methodism; and in honor of a strong noble character deeply beloved throughout Montana, we desire to voice the following resolutions:

First, W. W. Van Orsdel was a man faithful to his task. Called to Montana by the spirit of God in the days when the country was rough and undeveloped, he ministered to humanity under all conditions, in low places and in high places with an eye single to the glory of God and the welfare of those with whom he came in contact. He never shirked a hard task and in winter's cold and summer's heat, he was ever found faithful to his call.

Second, W. W. Van Orsdel was ever a man of vision and prayer. In rough mining town and rude frontier stopping place he could see opportunities for the building of the church of the future. Where human need was greatest he could see hospitals emerging, and in a sparsely settled state he could in vision see the college and school necessary for the training of Christian leadership. Through faith he caught the vision of a great and abounding Methodism for Montana. By prayer and works he brought it nigh.

Third, Rev. Van Orsdel was ever true to the faith of the Fathers. A rich, full religious experience was his. The power that had changed his life and the sweetness of the Gospel peace which he possessed he ever wished to share with others. His mission in life, word, and deed was to exalt Christ as Savior and only Savior of men.

Methodism owes a great debt to this Gospel pioneer. In recognition of his services we voice these words of appreciation, and at the call of the Bishop we would stand for a few moments in silent prayer that the spirit of this great and good man may fall upon us as we take up anew the many tasks of developing the Kingdom of God in the state which he so dearly loved.

C. M. DONALDSON.

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Roll of the Dead

OUR HONORED DEAD.

Name	Conf.	Died	Place of Burial
1—Adams, C. P.....	1912	1914	Sumatra
2—Bennett, J. W.....	1887	1913	Missoula
3—Berk, Alexis	1896	1896	Unknown
4—Canfield, Wm.	1891	1892	Virginia City
5—Clampitt, H. P.....	1887	1888	Butte
6—Comfort, George	1887	1908	Lanesboro, Pa.
7—Duncan, Hugh	1887	1887	Sheridan
8—Garvin, Thomas	1893	1901	Loyalton, Cal.
9—Hall, Marion J.....	1887	1905	Los Angeles, Cal.
10—Hall, William	1887	1898	Pine Creek
11—Jenkins, G. W.....	1888	1901	Philipsburg
12—Lowry, Phillip	1888	1896	Anaconda
13—Mickel, L. H.....	1892	1910	Bozeman
14—Miller, C. E.....	1897	1909	Billings
15—Raleigh, A. D.....	1887	1908	Helena
16 Rodger, Allan	1891	1904	Great Falls
17—Snyder, Wm. E.....	1889	1915	Roseburg, Ore.
18—Taft, H. S.....	1889	1899	Columbia Falls
19—Tait, J. W.....	1889	1918	Anaconda
20—Van Scoy, Thomas.....	1898	1901	Helena
21—Ware, I. S.....	1904	1915	Bozeman
22—Warman, Henry	1892	1903	Glendive
23—Whiteley, Jno. M.....	1909	1919	Glendive

In case of misinformation, corrections will be welcomed by the Secretary.

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STATISTICAL TABLES, 1920

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STATISTICIANS REPORT BUTE DISTRICT--MONTANA CONFERENCE FOR 1920

NAME OF CHARGE	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP				Sunday Schools		Epworth League		Church Property				Gen. Conf. Ex.		List No.							
	Baptisms		Prep. Mem.	Full Members	Total Enroll- m't all depts.	Officers and Teachers	Sunday Sch'ls.	Senior Mem- bers	Junior Mem- bers	Church Bldgs.	Estimated Val. Land & Bldgs	Parsonages	Estimated Val. Land & Bldgs	Paid for bldg & Imp. on Chs. & Parsonages		Paid on old In- d'bt'dn'ss, Chs. & P'rs'n'ges....	Pr's'nt Debt on Churches and Parsonages	Current Ex- penses	App'rt'n'd for Quadrennium..	P'd this year....	Bal. due for Quadrennium..	
	Adults Baptized	Children Baptized																				Bap. Ch'ld'n under inst.	Received during yr.	Now on Roll	Non-resid'nt Members	Deaths during Yr.
Anaconda	3	10		35	50	374	102	4	1	27	337	30		1800			3500	1563			12	
Avon					12	12												344				
Big Blackfoot		6		6	6	13			4	12	75							178		4		
Butte: Grace		17		2		94	4	2	1	15	205	25			282		1500	530		8		
Italian Mission						2		1	1	2	35							10				
Mt. Bethel & Wesley		9		39	14	82	10		2	23	201			250				143				
Mountain View	2	15		60	60	640	25	3	1	35	665	40		42				2300				
Trinity	2	9	22	33	22	149		2	1	18	233	30	87	500				420				
Unity and Silver Bow	1	39	25	23	7	135	10		2	24	320	65	60	300				2415				
Clancy and Jefferson						42	9		1	5	45					150		24		5		
Dillon	16	30		47	9	275	17	2	1	29	265	34	25	150			650					
Dillon Circuit										18	120											
Drummond and Hall	1	9	15	3	73	73	4	2	3	12	142	18	12	150				2678		9	11	
Hamilton		4	6		2	115	18	2	1	20	120	14	6	250				85				
Helena: Oakes Street	1	8		1	5	57		1	1	14	147	19	43	7528				200				
St. Paul's	21	15	12	16		341	30	6	1	20	285	61	6	1540	800		3000	1465	96	24	72	
Lolo Circuit																	3000					
Meadow Creek		1		5	5	34	5	3	3	16	85						2500	50				
Missoula	1	33	25	63	25	504	22	6	2	47	572	47	55	250			5000			8		
Philipsburg	1	3		14		43		1	1	13	128			500			1000	95	8			
Ronan		7				66	12		2	18	157	13	20	50			5000	153		6		
St. Ignatius						19			3	19	144				50							
Sheridan and Ruby	8	8		6		57	13	1	2	11	123						2500	1460				
Stevensville	6		1	16		130		1	1	6	80	30	15	100			3000	100				
Superior and Alberton	2	1		6		30	10	1	2	18	160			100			1100	40	12	12		
Thompson and Plains	3	7		1		76	21	2	4	25	230	15					2500	250				
Three Forks		2		8		51	35		1	10	92			1275			4000	133	12			
Townsend and Radersburg	4	6		18		70	12	1	2	15	150	20	35	100			2000	100	20	17		
Twin Bridges						70			1	9	79	29	18				1500	180	24			
Whitehall	8	6	5	5	5	28	6	1	3	16	184	10	20	1000			1000	150				
Winston and Marysville	6	25	4	12	9	18	3		2	7	65						1000	326	4	4		
Totals for 1920	86	270	115	419	339	3600	368	42	50	504	5483	500	402	15960	2119		84850	21042	200	117	119	32
Totals for 1919	87	228	180	275	213	3488	274	53	48	483	5353	634	300	7109	4999		68450	21199	196	127		33
Increase		42		144	126	112	94		2	21	130		102	8851			16400		4			34
Decrease	1		65				11					134		2880				157		10		35

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STATISTICIANS REPORT—YELLOWSTONE DISTRICT—MONTANA CONFERENCE FOR 1920																									
NAME OF CHARGE	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP										Sunday Schools		Epw'orth League		Church Property					Gen. Conf. Ex.		List No.			
	Baptisms	Prep. Mem.	Full Members		Deaths during yr.		Sunday Sch'ls.	Officers and Teachers	Total Enroll-m't all depts.	Senior Mem-bers	Junior Mem-bers	Church Bldgs.	Estimated Val. Land & Bldgs	Parsonages	Estimated Val. Land & Bldgs	Paid for bldg & Imp. on Chs. & Parsonages	Paid on old In-d'bt'dn'ss, Chs. & P'rs'n'ges	Pr's'nt Debt on Churches and Parsonages	Current Ex-penses	App'r't'n'd for Quadrennium	P'd this year		Bal. due for Quadrennium		
Alzada Circuit																								1	
Ashland Circuit																								2	
Baker	2	8	20	12	57	1	5	25	25	25		1	2800	1	300	1829	200	445	445					3	
Billings	12	110	1200	250	1200	1	10	130	40	40		1	5000	1	80000	275	7927	563	6000					4	
Bloomfield Circuit																								5	
Bozeman	15	8	51	12	51	1	8	34	58	23		1	2000	1	12500	636	3738	300	3738					6	
Bridger and Fromberg	1	1	361	68	361	1	24	250	18	30		3	2500	1	12000	400	1900	174	300					7	
Clyde Park	4	1	93	5	93	1	3	20	18	30		1	3500	1	1500	225		40	174					8	
Comanche Circuit	3	4	53	19	53	1	1	8	85			1	1200	1	1800	26	415	211	300					9	
Edwards Circuit	10	11	114	10	114	2	18	165	80	70		2	4000	1	4000	860	3000	2582	24	6				10	
Fairview	6	4	135	30	135	1	14	179	14			1	3000	1	4000	475	5800	1600	50					11	
Forsyth	8	18	187	27	187	2	33	324	45	25		1	2500	1	2500	3575	200	1600	50					12	
Fish Tail Circuit	8	21	95	17	95	2	27	236				1	9000	1	9000	350	250	1600	50					13	
Glendive	1	17	140	17	140	1	3	333	40	18		3	10700	1	10700		442	200	2878					14	
Hardin	2	10	40	6	40	1	1	6				2	1000		1000		500	200	100					15	
Huntley Circuit																		946	200					16	
Ingomar Circuit																		2878	1600					17	
Joliet Circuit	2	20	265	25	265	1	1	19	34	22		1	5000	1	5000	5500	7000	100	2878					18	
Laurel	26	10	19	6	24	1	1	8				2	1800	1	1800			1710	427					19	
Livingston																		427	30					20	
Miles City	4	8	62	4	135	2	15	90	24			1	3500	1	3500	60	128	30	2525					21	
Park City and Reed Point	8	10	17		17	1	1	150	18			1	4000	1	4000	25		30	2525					22	
Pine Creek (Livingston P. O.)	4	10	135	17	135	1	1	20	33			2	2000	1	2000	175	1300	2525	20					23	
Red Lodge	4	10	135	17	135	1	1	20	33			1	2000	1	2000	50	4000	150	2525					24	
Red Lodge Circuit	12	7	15	10	114	1	1	12	34									150	2525					25	
Richy Circuit	15	7	40	5	88	1	1	11	79	9		1	5000	1	5000	100	4000	2250	2525					26	
Sidney																		2250	2525					27	
Sioux Pass																		2250	2525					28	
Wibaux	138	141	102	413	182	3689	605	21	38	480		1	221350	21	59450	14861	2920	29719	78	101	58	31	31	29	
Wilsall	81	141	52	190	75	3529	513	43	43	460		1	241650	23	48100	3481	6843	27751	155	137	33	33	33	30	
Totals for 1920	57	50	223	107	160	92	22	5	26	17	4	20300	2	11350	11330	3923	9238	1968	77	36				31	
Totals for 1919																								32	
Increase																								33	
Decrease																								34	
RECAPITULATION BLANK—MONTANA CONFERENCE FOR 1920																									
Butte	86	270	115	419	339	3600	368	42	50	484	53	26	500	40	49	295850	30	84850	15960	2119	6625	21042	200	117	119
Yellowstone	138	141	102	413	182	3689	605	21	37	466	45	88	608	248	31	221350	21	59450	14860	2920	29292	29719	78	101	58
Grand Totals, 1920	224	411	217	832	521	7289	973	63	87	950	99	14	1108	650	80	517200	51	144300	30820	5039	35917	50761	278	218	177
Grand Totals, 1919	168	369	232	465	288	7017	787	96	91	943	97	88	1268	565	81	515600	51	116550	10590	11842	23314	48950	351	264	177
Increase	56	42	367	233	272	186	33	4	7	126	1		85			1600		27750	20230	6803	12603	1811	73	46	6
Decrease																									

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS—BUTTE DISTRICT.

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TREASURER'S REPORT, BUTTE DISTRICT—MONTANA CONFERENCE FOR 1920

NAME OF CHARGE	List No.	Disciplinary Benevolences			Other Benevolences				Other Cash Items				Grand Total	List No.							
		Centenary	B'd Edu. Child- ren's day fund	Voman's For. Miss. Society...	W. H. M. S. Cash	W. H. M. S. Supplies	Total Dis. Benevolences..	Edu. End'wm'ts Bldgs., etc.....	Hospital	Mont. Deac'n'ss School	Miss. Policy of Epw. League..	Montana Chil- dren's Home..			Other Benevolences..	Total Benevolences..	Cent. Off. Exp. of Epw. L.....	Support of Dist. Supt.....	Support of Bishops	Support of Conf. Cl'm'nts	Gen. Conf. Expenses
1 Anaconda	1	2310	28	157	52		2547	681		5	31		45	762	4	180	36	108	12	3649	1
2 Avon	2	145					145		266					266		10	6	18		445	2
3 Big Blackfoot	3	55					55	25						42		15			4	116	3
4 Butte: Grace	4	963	7	42			1012	45	50	750	12		31	888		150	30	90	8	2178	4
5 Italian Mission	5	33					33													33	5
6 Mt. Bethel and Wesley	6	355	5				360	100		250				350		74	15	35		834	6
7 Mountain View	7	4141	20	949	215		5325	260	132	760				1152		270	57	165		6969	7
8 Trinity	8	585	5				590	5	50	250	25			330		120	24	60		1124	8
9 Unity and Silver Bow	9	486		1			487	55	66	200	20			341		140	28	84	5	1085	9
10 Clancy and Jefferson	10	185					185	10		110			91	211		30	7	24		457	10
11 Dillon	11	1721	18	209	12		1960	1445		1045			13	2503	1	200	40	120		4824	11
12 Dillon Circuit	12																				12
13 Drummond and Hall	13	670	11	3	3		687	655	10	253	16		25	959	2	120	24	60	5	1857	13
14 Hamilton	14	607		133			740	32		702				734	8	100	20	60		1662	14
15 Helena: Oakes Street	15	498		17			515	182						182		80	16	40		833	15
16 St. Paul's	16	2074	20	560	156		2810	9411		370	116	5		9902	10	240	48	144	24	13178	16
17 Lolo Circuit	17																				17
18 Meadow Creek	18	132	4				136	25					294	319		62	12	38		567	18
19 Missoula	19	3460	25	125	320		3930	481		710			267	1458		240	54	120	8	5810	19
20 Phillipsburg	20	335	3				338	1		200		6	16	223		70	13	42	8	694	20
21 Ronan	21	211	7				218	50						50		45	12	36	6	367	21
22 St. Ignatius	22	425					425									30	10	20		485	22
23 Sheridan and Ruby	23	411					411	2		287			20	309		80	8	20		828	23
24 Stevensville	24	1124	4				1128		10	470			150	630	4	80	17	49		1908	24
25 Superior and Alberton	25	262					262							10		72	14	43	12	413	25
26 Thompson and Plains	26	312					312	25		365				390		50	5	20		777	26
27 Three Forks	27	93					93			100				100		40	12	36		281	27
28 Townsend and Radersburg	28	611					611	75						75		120	24	72		902	28
29 Twin Bridges	29	435					435	95						95		88	17	52		687	29
30 Whitehall	30	362	5				367	449		150				599		80	16	27		1089	30
31 Winston and Marysville	31	226	2				228					6		6		25	4	24	4	291	31
Totals for 1920	32	23227	164	2196	758		26345	14119	318	7243	220	17	969	22886	29	2811	569	1607	96	51345	32
Totals for 1919	33	13801	146	2186	472		16932	10097	724	1570	186	32	7967	21484	40	2599	477	1440	137	43088	33
Increase	34	9426	18	10	286		9413	4022		5673	34			1402		212	92	167		11257	34
Decrease	35						333		406			15	6998		11				31		35

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THEASURER'S REPORT, YELLOWSTONE DISTRICT—MONTANA CONFERENCE FOR 1920

List No.	NAME OF CHARGE	Disciplinary Benevolences					Other Benevolences					Other Cash Items					Grand Total				
		Centenary	B'd Edu. Child- ren's day fund	Woman's For. Miss. Society	W. H. M. S. Cash	W. H. M. S. Supplies	Total Dis. Benevolences	Edu. End'wm'ts Bldgs., etc.	Hospital	Mont. Deac'n'ss School	Miss. Policy of Epw. League	Montana Chil- dren's Home	Other Benevolences	Total Benevolences	Cent. Off. Exp. of Epw. L.	Support of Dist. Supt.		Support of Bishops	Support of Conf. Cl'm'nts	Gen. Conf. Expenses	
1	Alzada Circuit																				1
2	Ashland Circuit																				2
3	Baker	316					320	50					15	65		100	16	60			3
4	Billings	1830	4	430	319	25	2604	239						239		300	61	180			4
5	Bloomfield Circuit																				5
6	Bozeman	2087	10	300			2397	520	11108	187	60		70	11945	6	210	53	137	14		6
7	Bridger and Fromberg	943					943	325	20	30				375		190	38	114			7
8	Clyde Park	309	5				314									85	17	53			8
9	Comanche Circuit	214	9				223	29	2			19		50		33	7	20	8		9
10	Edwards Circuit																				10
11	Fairview	271					271	10	35			8		53	2	80	8	7			11
12	Forsyth	1200					1200	1250						1250		120	30	72			12
13	Fishtail Circuit																				13
14	Glendive	1072			80		1226		42	100		5		202	22	180	36	108			14
15	Hardin	235					235	15						15		150					15
16	Huntley Circuit	562					562	60						60		57	24	60			16
17	Ingomar Circuit	75					75	5						5							17
18	Joliet Circuit																				18
19	Laurel	392	11				403	190						190		40	5	12			19
20	Livingston	1200	7	211			1418	15	31	460	15		7	528	4	150	30	90	6		20
21	Miles City	1636					1636	765	46				35	846	6	210	42	126	10		21
22	Park City and Reed Point	121					121									70	11	30			22
23	Pine Creek	181					181				15			15		120	30	72	5		23
24	Red Lodge	852					852	16						16	1	120	24	72	30		24
25	Red Lodge Circuit	312					312									45	9	27	11		25
26	Richey Circuit															38					26
27	Sidney	545	5				550	10	1000					1010		150	30	90	20		27
28	Sioux Pass																				28
29	Wibaux	12					12									50			1		29
30	Wilsall	100				2	102								2	110	20	60			30
31	Totals for 1920	14465	51	1015	399	27	15957	3499	12284	777	90	5	209	16864	43	2608	491	1380	105		31
32	Totals for 1919	10337	52	992	211	33	11625	7960	56522	619	233	66	79	64479	50	2410	436	1131	152		32
33	Increase	4128		23	188		4332		158				130			298	55	249			33
34	Decrease		1			6		3461	44238		143	59		47615	7				47		34

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1	Yellowstone	14465	51	1015	399	27	15957	3499	12284	777	90	5	209	16864	43	2608	491	1390	105	37454	1
2	Butte	3227	164	2196	758		26345	14119	318	7243	220	17	969	22886	29	2811	569	1609	96	54345	2
3	Totals for 1920	37692	215	3211	1157	27	42302	17618	12602	8020	310	22	1178	39750	72	5419	1060	2999	201	91799	3
4	Totals for 1919	24126	198	3178	683	366	28551	18057	57246	2189	419	98	8046	86963	90	5009	913	2545	279	124204	4
5	Increase	13560	17	33	474		13751		5831							410	147	454			5
6	Decrease					339		439	44644		109	76	6868	47213	18				78	32405	6

XIII**Miscellaneous****GOVERNING LAWS****Articles of Incorporation of the Conference of the Methodist
Episcopal Church of Montana.****EXHIBIT "A".**

"Resolved, That the Trustees of this Conference, to-wit: L. H. Mickel, S. A. Oliver and Jacob Mills, be and are hereby authorized to incorporate this Conference, and for that purpose to file with the proper officer articles of incorporation, as required by law."

We, the President and Secretary of the Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Montana, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Montana, at a regular meeting thereof, held in the city of Helena, Mont., on the twenty-sixth of August, 1910, and we do further certify that said resolution was adopted by the unanimous vote of the members of said Conference then present.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands, this twenty-sixth day of August, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and ten.

ROBERT McINTYRE, President.

Attest: GEO. D. KING, Secretary.

State of Montana, County of Lewis and Clark—ss.

We, L. H. Mickel, S. A. Oliver and Jacob Mills, Trustees of the Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Montana, do by these presents, pursuant to and in conformity with the laws of the State of Montana, and pursuant to, and as authorized by a resolution, duly passed and adopted by said Conference, a certified copy of which resolution is hereto attached marked "Exhibit A", and hereby referred to as and made a part thereof, and for the purpose of incorporating said Conferencee agree upon and adopt the following:

Articles of Incorporation.

First: The name of said corporation is hereby declared to be THE CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF MONTANA.

Second: The purposes for which said corporation is organized are to supervise, superintend and promote the organization, co-operation, activities, maintenance, and work of local churches and organizations of the Methodist Episcopal Church within the boundaries and

jurisdiction of said Conference as now established, and as the same may from time to time be established, changed, modified, and maintained; to maintain, carry on, and conduct the preaching and dissemination of the gospel of Jesus Christ within the boundaries and jurisdiction of said Conference, and throughout the world, and to that end co-operate with other conferences, associations, and institutions; to establish, erect, maintain, carry on and conduct and aid in establishing, erecting, maintaining, carrying on, and conducting schools, colleges, universities, hospitals, and other eleemosynary, benevolent, charitable, and religious institutions and enterprises; to receive devises, bequests, legacies, donations, and funds and accept and discharge trusts and agencies for or on behalf of, or in aid of, any and all such or similar institutions, enterprises, and causes, and generally to do and perform any and all things that may be convenient or proper in promoting, maintaining and furthering all benevolent, charitable, and religious works, enterprises and measures authorized or that may be authorized by the general or local laws, rules, and regulations of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and to purchase or otherwise acquire, and to sell, or otherwise dispose of, and encumber such property, real, personal, and mixed, as may from time to time be necessary, proper, or convenient for the purpose or any of the purposes aforesaid.

Third: The number of trustees of said corporation for the first year of the corporate existence of such corporation is three.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We hereunto set our hands the twenty-sixth day of August, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and ten.

L. H. MICKEL,
S. A. OLIVER,
JACOB MILLS.

State of Montana.

County of Lewis and Clark.

On this twenty-sixth day of August, in the year nineteen hundred and ten, before me, Massena Bullard, a Notary Public for the State of Montana, personally appeared L. H. Mickel, S. A. Oliver, and Jacob Mills, known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Notarial Seal, the day and year in this certificate first above written.

MASSENA BULLARD,

Notary Public for the State of Montana, residing at Helena, Mont. My commission expires January 23, 1912.

**BY-LAWS OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST
EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF MONTANA**

Article I.

The Board of Trustees—The Board of Trustees, after the first year, shall number not less than three nor more than seven, all of whom reside within the bounds of the said Conference and shall be over twenty-one years of age, a majority of whom shall be members of the said Conference; the minority shall be lay members of the said church; all of whom shall be chosen by the Annual Conference of the said Church. The financial and secular business of the corporation shall be under their management.

Article II.

Officers of the Board of Trustees—The officers of the Board of Trustees shall consist of a President, Secretary, and Treasurer, all of whom shall be elected annually by ballot at the first meeting of the Board of Trustees after election of members by the Annual Conference and whose term of office will terminate at the election and qualification of their successors.

Article III.

Duties of Officers—Section 1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside when present at all meetings of the Board of Trustees, appoint committees, call special meetings of the Board of Trustees as occasion may require, sign orders on the Treasurer for the payment of money and during the interim between meetings have general supervision of the affairs of the Board of Trustees, and to execute all legal papers on behalf of the corporation as provided by law.

Sec. 2. The duties of the Vice-President shall be to preside at all meetings of the Board of Trustees in the absence of the President and perform all other duties of the President in his absence.

Sec. 3. The duties of the Secretary shall be to keep a correct journal of the proceedings of all meetings of the Board of Trustees in a record book provided for that purpose and to take charge of and preserve all papers and documents belonging to his office, and to attest all legal papers of the corporation. He shall deliver to his legal successor or to the Board of Trustees when requested all books and papers of the corporation. He shall deliver to his legal successor or to the Board of Trustees when requested all books and papers in his possession belonging to said Board.

Sec. 4. The duties of the Treasurer shall be to receive and take charge of, under the direction of the Board of Trustees, all moneys received by the corporation and to pay out the same on the order of the President. He shall also keep an account of all moneys received by him, showing from what source received, and of all moneys paid out by him and render a full report of the transactions of the financial condition of his office to the Board of Trustees at its annual

meeting, and at such other times as he may be directed by said board. He shall furnish, if required, by the Board of Trustees, before receiving any of the funds of the Conference, a fidelity bond in such amount as the Board of Trustees may direct from time to time, to cover the faithful performance of his duties. These bonds shall be made payable to the Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Montana, and shall be executed by some responsible bonding company approved by the Board of Trustees, and the cost of said bonds shall be paid by this corporation. All moneys received by the Treasurer shall be deposited forthwith by him in some bank or other institution of deposit, subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees and he shall furnish a certified duplicate certificate of deposit to the chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees for each deposit as soon as made.

RULES OF THE MONTANA ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

The Duties of the President.

1. The President shall see that all business pertaining to the Conference shall be brought forward and conducted in a proper manner, according to the provisions of the Discipline and Rules of the Conference.
2. He shall preserve order in all proceedings; and in debates shall keep the speakers to the question, and call them to order when they wander from the point, or from rules of order, or use any improper language.
3. He shall appoint all committees unless otherwise decided by the Conference, in which case the appointment shall be made by ballot or nomination, at the discretion of the Conference, no member thereof being permitted to nominate more than one person for the same committee.
4. When two or more members shall rise and address the President at the same time, he shall decide which of them is entitled to the floor.

The Duties of the Secretary.

1. The Secretary shall record all answers to questions of law; also rulings made by the President in the transaction of the business of the Conference, and to keep a fair and correct record of its proceedings to be read at the commencement of each session thereafter subject to the correction of the Conference.
2. He shall carefully preserve the journals and papers of the Conference placed in custody, and shall not permit any person but a member to examine the same, nor shall he allow a member to make a transcript from either without the permission of the Conference and he shall also produce the journal and papers at the next annual session of the Conference.

3. He shall also, after the close of the Conference, make an appendix at the end of the journal in which he shall record all documents which shall be ordered by the Conference to be so recorded (the motion on which shall be taken without debate) and documents so recorded shall be referred to on the journal of the Conference.

The Duties and Privileges of Members.

1. Every member who would speak should rise in his place and respectfully address the President, refraining from all personalities and indecorous language; but no member shall speak more than once on the same question (except to explain) until every member choosing shall have spoken; nor longer than fifteen minutes, without permission of the Conference.

2. When a member shall be called to order by the President or any member he shall take his seat until the question be decided by the President; nevertheless, he shall be allowed an appeal to the Conference which shall decide without debate.

3. Any member may call for the division of a question, which shall be granted when, in the judgment of the President, the sense will admit of it; and every member present shall vote on all questions unless excused by the Conference.

Questions to Be Taken Without Debate.

A motion simply to adjourn. Motion to lie on the table.

STANDING RULES.

1. Applicants for admission on trial shall not be over 35 years of age.

2. In view of the increasing number of claimants on our superannuate fund, the District Superintendents shall not encourage the transfer, and the Bishops are respectfully requested not to transfer any men to this Conference who are not in sound health and who are over forty years of age.

3. After September 1, 1912, candidates for admission and trial into full connection and for election to elder's orders must bring up all books to be read and all books studied without condition.

MISCELLANEOUS RULES.

Section 1.

1. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order.

2. When a question has been decided, any member who may have voted in the majority on said question may move for a reconsideration thereof.

3. When the reading of a paper is called for, and the same is objected to by a member, the question shall be determined by a vote of the Conference.

4. A motion may be withdrawn by the mover at any time before decision thereon or amendment thereto.

5. It shall always be in order at any time during the discussion of a proposition before the Conference (except during the examination of character), to move that the question be put without debate, and, if the motion is sustained by two-thirds of the members present and voting, the debate shall at once cease, and the question shall be put.

6. No motion shall be entertained unless seconded, and all motions and resolutions shall be reduced to writing, if desired by the President or Secretary, or any member of the Conference.

7. No matter of business, other than that which pertains to the ordinary business of the Conference, shall be read by the Secretary, until the subject of it is stated by the introducer.

8. When the report of the committee is under consideration, the chairman or a member of the committee selected by the committee or its chairman, shall be entitled to close the debate, and the representative of the committee shall not be deprived of his rights to close the debate even by the ordering of a previous question. If the motion to lay on the table the report, or any part of it, be made, the representative of the committee may elect to speak before that motion is put, or to reserve his right and speak on the final question.

9. The yeas and nays shall be called and recorded on any question on the demand of fifteen members.

10. On the first day of the session at two o'clock the list of appointments shall be called and the preachers in charge requested to report collections to Treasurer and statistical reports to Statistical Secretary, and on the second morning after the approval of the minutes, the names of all who have not reported shall be called, and a proper excuse required.

11. When the call of districts for the passage of character is begun, it shall not be in order to interrupt the call for the transaction of other Conference business until all the districts are completed.

Section 2.

1. In all other preliminary matters not specified in the above rules the Conference shall be governed by the well-settled principles of common parliamentary law and rules of the General Conference, so far as they will apply to this body.

G. HERMAN SMITH

Undertaker

Smith's Funeral Home

PHONE 1576

Smith's Taxi

PHONE 1235

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MONTANA

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THE NATIONAL MUTUAL CHURCH INSURANCE COMPANY

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More than ONE HUNDRED AND NINETY-THREE MILLION DOLLARS (\$193,000,000.00) of insurance has been granted since we began business, of which amount there is in force at the present time approximately FIFTY MILLION DOLLARS (\$50,000,00.00).

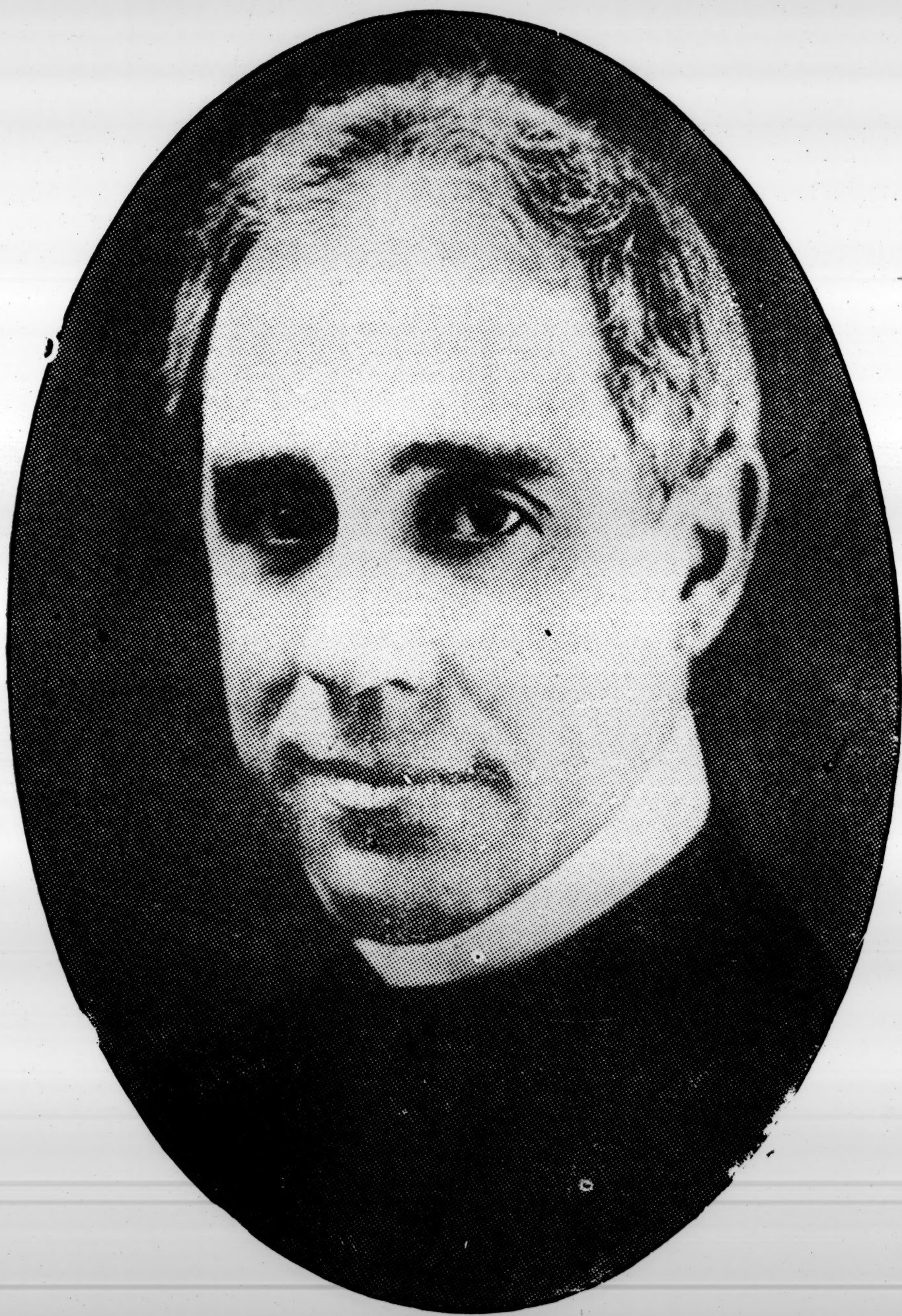
It insures AT COST against Fire, Lightning and Windstorm. Churches, Parsonages, Homes and Household Goods of Preachers, Hospitals, Schools, Homes and Personal Effects of Church Members. Expense comes in easy annual installments or when preferred, special reduction allowed for prepayment of term policy.

NO ASSESSMENTS. NOT ONE DOLLAR EVER DUE AND UNPAID although losses aggregate over ONE MILLION FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS.

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I. CONFERENCE ROLL AND DIRECTORY

EFFECTIVE ELDERS	Address	Admitted on Trial in an Annual Conference.		Received into Full Membership		Years Supernumerary	When Ret'd.
		Where	When	Conference	When		
Adams, Paul M.	Helena	Montana	1902	Montana	1904		
Barker, Thos. H.	Three Forks	Montana	1904	Montana	1906		
Bartlett, Edw. C.	Anaconda	Upper Iowa	1902				
Bovard, Charles L.	Helena (Dist. Supt.)	S. E. Indiana	1884	S. E. Indiana	1886		
Chappell, Harry E.	Bridger	Puget Sound	1911	Montana	1918		
Chirgwin, John	833 Broadway, Helena	Montana	1905	Montana	1907		
Clifford, C. L.	315 North Montana	Butte					
Crouch, Charles D.	12 S. Ewing, Helena	Montana	1899	Montana	1901		
Cooper, Harry M.	Fairview	Des Moines	1908				
Cunningham, C. E.	Sheridan	Arkansas	1886				
Dann, W. G. R.	Townsend	Puget Sound	1910	Montana	1916		
Donaldson, Chas. M.	Helena	Minnesota	1905				
Fulford, F. C.	Red Lodge	Montana	1908	Montana	1910		
Hardie, Thomas	Miles City	Montana	1910	Montana	1912		
Holtzinger, Horace K.	Livingston						
Humphrey, H. G.	Billings, (Dist. Supt.)	St. Louis	1901				
Kletzing, Russell R.	221 Wheaton Ave., Wheaton, Ill.	Wyoming State					
Lacklen, Jesse	Missoula	N. Ohio	1907	Montana	1911		
Latham, F. M.	(Pine Creek) P. O. Livingston	S. Illinois	1905	So. Illinois	1907		
Mecklenburg, George	Area Office, Helena	N. Montana	1911				
Mecke, John A.	Hardin	Montana	1904	Montana	1906	Three	
Miller, Thomas	Hamilton	N. Montana	1912	Wisconsin	1914		
Mills, Edward L.	Artisans Bldg., Portland, Ore.	Montana	1902				
Papa, J. M. A.				Creditals			
Pascoe, W. H.	971 North Main, Butte	St. Louis	1895	Montana	1913		
Ponath, O. G.	Billings	(M. E. South)		Creditals	1903		
Reid, George	Stevensville	N. Dakota		Montana			
Rhodes, Charles	715 East Second, Butte	Missouri	1916	Montana	1918		
		England	1899	Montana	1911		
		Creditals	1908				
Ross, John G.	Glendive	N. Montana	1908	Montana	1913		
Smith, Edward	Dillon	Columbia River	1893				
Smith, R. P.	Bozeman	Montana	1895	Montana	1898		
Smith, W. C.	(Ingomar) P. O. Forsyth	Columbia River	1896	Columbia River	1898	Three	
Stull, G. C.	U. S. Army	New Jersey	1882	Orig. Member			
Spencer, F. T.	Whitehall	Montana	1904	Montana	1887		
Swisher, E. D.	Laurel	Cent. Illinois	1910	Montana	1908		
Welch, Arthur D.	Sidney	Upper Iowa	1899	Upper Iowa	1913		
					1961		

Whitford, Fred.....	Forsyth	Montana	1907	Montana	1909	.....
Wolfe, Chas. F.....	72 McVernon St., Boston, Mass.	Montana	1913	Montana	1915	.....
Wolfe, Geo. D.....	Billings	Indiana	1880	.....	.....	.....
SUPERNUMERARY						
Linger, F. O.....	Park City	Montana	1909	Montana	1912	Four
Stephens, G. J.....	.....	N. Dakota	1908	.....	Four	.....
RETIRED						
Badcon, J. A.....	3216 W. 67 St., Seattle, Wash.	Nebraska	1880	West Nebr.	1885	Five
Calvert, W. H.....	Wibaux, Mont.	Kentucky	1887	.....	.....	1919
Hosking, John.....	Deer Lodge, Mont.	Mont. Mission	1884	Orig. Member	.....	1911
Kershaw, Andrew.....	Kent, Wash.	.....	.....	Montana	1887	Three
King, Geo. D.....	Whitehall, Mont.	Cent. Illinois	1880	Orig. Member	.....	1911
Mills, Jacob.....	Helena, Mont.	Mont. Mission	1882	Montana	1887	1915
James, Henry A.....	Bozeman, Mont.	N. W. Iowa	1884	Orig. Member	.....	1914
Morrison, A. P.....	1107 W. 47th St. Los. Angeles, Cal.	Mont. Mission	1883	.....	.....	1921
Nutting, Wilder.....	.....	Detroit	1884	Orig. Member	.....	1911
Oliver, S. A.....	Boise, Idaho	.....	.....	Montana	1887	1920
UNDERGRADUATES						1915
Fourth Year						
Ortmayer, Louis L.....	Huntley	Montana	1918	Montana	1920	.....
Third Year						
Anstice, Fred.....	Taylor Uni., Upland Indiana	Montana	1916	Montana	1920	.....
Rankin, Ira F.....	Morgan Memorial, Shawmut Ave. and Corning St., Boston, Mass.	Newark	1916	.....	.....	.....
Trappolini, Amadeo.....	Philipsburg	Montana	1920	.....	.....	.....
Second Year						
Hannan, Cecil G.....	Wilsall	Montana	1920	.....	.....	.....
Knudsen, Carl.....	72 Mt. Vernon St. Boston, Mass.	Montana	1920	.....	.....	.....
Peck, Alden T.....	Reed Point	Montana	1917	.....	.....	.....
Wampler, W. C.....	(Clancy) P. O. Helena	Montana	1920	.....	.....	.....
First Year						
Van Demark, Martin.....	Helena	Montana	.....	.....	.....	.....
Woods, Hubert W.....	Meaderville, Butte	Montana	1920	.....	.....	.....

The Secretary will welcome any corrections or additions to this Directory.

MINISTERS SUPPLYING CHARGES (NOT INCLUDED IN FOREGOING LIST) WITH ADDRESSES:
 Abels, G. J. S., Park City; Clarkson, T. R., Thompson Falls; Fletcher, Saml., (Big Blackfoot) P. O. Helmville; Harris, Louis D. Baker; Kliewer, P. A., Ashland; Koehler, Wm., (Avon) P. O. Helena; Langdell, S. F., Bloomfield; Mills, Ernest, McAllister; Simes, L. E., (Superior) P. O. Missoula, R. F. D.; Tester, Wm. S., St. Ignatius.

II**Conference Rules****The Duties of the President.**

1. The President shall see that all business pertaining to the Conference shall be brought forward and conducted in a proper manner, according to the provisions of the Discipline and Rules of the Conference.

2. He shall preserve order in all proceedings; and in debates shall keep the speakers to the question, and call them to order when they wander from the point, or from rules of order, or use any improper language.

3. He shall appoint all committees unless otherwise decided by the Conference, in which case the appointment shall be made by ballot or nomination, at the discretion of the Conference, no member thereof being permitted to nominate more than one person for the same committee.

4. When two or more members shall rise and address the President at the same time, he shall decide which of them is entitled to the floor.

The Duties of the Secretary.

1. The Secretary shall record all answers to questions of law; also rulings made by the President in the transaction of the business of the Conference, and to keep a fair and correct record of its proceedings to be read at the Commencement of each session thereafter subject to the correction of the Conference.

2. He shall carefully preserve the journals and papers of the Conference placed in custody, and shall not permit any person but a member to examine the same, nor shall he allow a member to make a transcript from either without the permission of the Conference and he shall also produce the journal and papers at the next annual session of the Conference.

3. He shall also, after the close of the Conference, make an appendix at the end of the journal in which he shall record all documents which shall be ordered by the Conference to be so recorded (the motion on which shall be taken without debate) and documents so recorded shall be referred to on the journal of the Conference.

The Duties and Privileges of Members.

1. Every member who would speak should rise in his place and respectfully address the President, refraining from all personalities and indecorous language; but no member shall speak more than once on the same question (except to explain) until every member choosing shall have spoken; nor longer than fifteen minutes, without permission of the Conference.

2. When a member shall be called to order by the President or any member he shall take his seat until the question be decided by the President; nevertheless, he shall be allowed an appeal to the Conference which shall decide without debate.

3. Any member may call for the division of a question, which shall be granted when, in the judgment of the President, the sense will admit of it; and every member present shall vote on all questions unless excused by the Conference.

Questions to Be Taken Without Debate.

A motion simply to adjourn. Motion to lie on the table.

STANDING RULES

1. Applicants for admission on trial shall not be over 35 years of age.
2. In view of the increasing number of claimants on our superannuate fund, the District Superintendents shall not encourage the transfer, and the Bishops are respectfully requested not to transfer any men to this Conference who are not in sound health and who are over forty years of age.
3. After September 1, 1912, candidates for admission and trial into full connection and for election to elder's orders must bring up all books to be read and all books studied without condition.

MISCELLANEOUS RULES.**Section 1.**

1. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order.
2. When a question has been decided, any member who may have voted in the majority on said question may move for a reconsideration thereof.
3. When the reading of a paper is called for, and the same is objected to by a member, the question shall be determined by a vote of the Conference.
4. A motion may be withdrawn by the mover at any time before decision thereon or amendment thereto.
5. It shall always be in order at any time during the discussion of a proposition before the Conference (except during the examination of character), to move that the question be put without debate, and, if the motion is sustained by two-thirds of the members present and voting, the debate shall at once cease, and the question shall be put.
6. No motion shall be entertained unless seconded, and all motions and resolutions shall be reduced to writing, if desired by the President or Secretary, or any member of the Conference.
7. No matter of business, other than that which pertains to the ordinary business of the Conference, shall be read by the Secretary, until the subject of it is stated by the introducer.
8. When the report of the committee is under consideration, the chairman or a member of the committee selected by the committee or its chairman, shall be entitled to close the debate, and the representative of the committee shall not be deprived of his rights to close the debate even by the ordering of a previous question. If the motion to lay on the table the report, or any part of it, be made, the representative of the committee may elect to speak before that motion is put, or to reserve his right and speak on the final question.
9. The yeas and nays shall be called and recorded on any question on the demand of fifteen members.
10. On the first day of the session at two o'clock the list of appointments shall be called and the preachers in charge requested to report collections to Treasurer and statistical reports to Statistical Secretary, and on the second morning after the approval of the minutes, the names of all who have not reported shall be called, and a proper excuse required.
11. When the call of districts for the passage of character is begun, it shall not be in order to interrupt the call for the transaction of other Conference business until all the districts are completed.

Section 2.

1. In all other preliminary matters not specified in the above rules the Conference shall be governed by the well-settled principles of common parliamentary law and rules of the General Conference, so far as they will apply to this body.

III

Officers of the Conference

PRESIDENT

Bishop Charles Wesley Burns Helena

SECRETARY

Charles Rhodes 715 East Second St. Butte

ASSISTANTS

Thomas Hardie

F. T. Spencer

STATISTICIAN

F. C. Fulford Red Lodge

ASSISTANT

Thomas Miller

TREASURER

Fred Whiteford Forsyth

ASSISTANTS

E. D. Swisher F. M. Latham, Jesse Lacklen, Louis L. Ortmyer

REGISTRAR

Thomas Hardie Miles City

AUDITOR

A. D. Welch

PRO-RATING SECRETARY

E. C. Bartlett

REPORTER

Paul M. Adams

ASSISTANT

Carl Knudsen

POSTMASTER

F. T. Spencer

IV

Conference Boards

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Charles D. Crouch, Chairman; Jacob Mills, Treasurer; A. F. Ritz, Secretary; C. M. Donaldson, Geo A. Bailey.

BOARD OF STEWARDS

E. C. Bartlett, Chairman; J. A. Meeke, Secretary.
 For One Year—C. E. Cunningham, H. A. James, J. H. Strain.
 For Two Years—R. P. Smith, W. H. Pascoe, J. D. Slemons.
 For Three Years—Jesse Lacklen, S. E. Dove.

DEACONESS BOARD

A. D. Welch, President; John Chirgwin, Secretary.
 For One Year—Mrs. Geo. Mecklenburg, John Chirgwin, F. B. Reynolds.
 For Two Years—Mrs. J. F. Mills, William Lutey, R. P. Smith.
 For Three Years—Mrs. Edward Smith, Dr. F. O. Kettelcamp, G. D. Wolfe.

BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

C. L. Bovard, Edward Smith, F. T. Spencer, T. Hardie, S. E. Dove, Thomas Layfield, R. J. Cunningham, Ralph Parmenter.

BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION

President, F. B. Price; Vice-President, Charles Rhodes; Secretary, W. H. Pascoe; Treasurer, E. C. Bartlett.
 C. L. Bovard, H. G. Humphrey, Mountain View Pastor, H. W. Woods, William Lutey, John Callow, J. H. Strain, C. E. Avery, James W. Tippet.
Executive Committee—Officers and C. L. Bovard and H. G. Humphrey.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

For One Year—R. P. Smith, A. D. Welch, John Inch, Guy E. Marvin.
 For Two Years—Geo. Mecklenburg, Louis L. Ortmayer, D. R. McRae, E. E. Collins.
 For Three Years—G. D. Wolfe, B. A. Winans, R. J. Cunningham, C. E. Avery.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS

John A. Meeke, Chairman; Thomas Hardie, Registrar, Paul M. Adams, E. C. Bartlett, J. G. Ross, Edward Smith, E. D. Swisher, A. D. Welch, Fred Whitford, Thomas Miller, George Reid.

BOARD OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS—(See Discipline Par. 472)

Butte District—District Superintendent, Ex-Officio, Jesse Lacklen, George Mecklenburg, Mrs. E. R. Sanford (Missoula), Mr. E. A. Hardin (Whitehall).

Yellowstone District—District Superintendent, Ex-Officio, J. G. Ross, R. P. Smith, Dr. J. E. Midgett (Sumatra) Mr. E. E. Collins (Billings).

BOARD OF CHURCH LOCATION AND ERECTION

Butte District—C. L. Bovard, C. M. Donaldson, Paul M. Adams, Edward Smith, G. A. Bailey.

Yellowstone District—H. G. Humphrey, Geo. D. Wolfe, Fred Whitford, Andrew Seaberg, W. E. Cummings.

TRUSTEES MONTANA WESLEYAN COLLEGE

For term ending March 1922, Chas D. Crouch, H. G. Humphrey.
For term ending March 1923, R. P. Smith, E. L. Mills.
For term ending March 1924, Jesse Lacklen, J. V. Kohler.

TRUSTEES KIMBALL SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

Geo. G. Wolfe, Edward L. Mills.
Conference Visitor—H. G. Humphrey.

V Officers of Conference Societies

CONFERENCE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Secretary, Mrs. Charles L. Bovard, Helena.

CONFERENCE WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

President, Mrs. Charles R. Perry, Missoula.
Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. W. C. Packer, Miles City.
Treasurer, Mrs. F. A. Friedrich, 307 Alderson Ave. Billings.

LAY ELECTORIAL CONFERENCE

President, W. E. Stevens, Forsyth.
Secretary, C. E. Gillette, Hardin.

VI

Conference Committees

(a) Standing Committees—

Conference Relations—Charles D. Crouch, Chairman.

For One Year—T. H. Barker, C. E. Fenton, George Mecklenburg.

For Two Years—E. C. Bartlett, C. M. Donaldson, R. P. Smith.

For Three Years—Chas. D. Crouch, J. G. Ross, C. E. Cunningham.

Book Concern—Harry M. Hooper, W. C. Smith, W. C. Wampler.

Freedmen's Aid—F. C. Fulford, T. H. Barker, W. H. Pascoe, H. E. Chappell.

Hospitals—R. P. Smith, Charles Rhodes, J. O. Randall, Fred Whitford, A. J. Movius, R. M. Pinkney, P. E. Blake.

Temperance—F. T. Spencer, E. D. Swisher, G. D. Wolfe, W. H. Pascoe, A. D. Welch, E. C. Bartlett.

Epworth League—E. D. Swisher, Charles Rhodes, C. F. Wolfe, C. G. Hannan.

History and Memoirs—Edward Smith, Jacob Mills, Jesse Lacklen, Louis L. Artmayer.

Resolutions—E. D. Wolfe, R. P. Smith, H. E. Woods, A. D. Welch.

Publishing the Minutes—Charles Rhodes, T. Hardie, F. T. Spencer, E. C. Bartlett, G. Reid.

Auditing—W. H. Calvert, A. D. Welch.

Uniform Method of Church Finance—C. M. Donaldson, H. M. Cooper, G. Mecklenburg, J. O. Randall.

Centenary—District Superintendents, Chas D. Crouch, R. P. Smith, G. D. Wolfe, G. Mecklenburg, W. G. R. Dann.

Conference Claimants Endowment Fund—Thos. Miller, C. L. Bovard, E. Smith, Chas. E. Avery, F. B. Reynolds.

Courtesies—Jesse Lacklen, G. D. Wolfe, H. E. Chappell.

Methodist Review—Carl Knudsen.

(b) Special Committees—

Conference Boundaries—C. L. Bovard, Edward Smith, Paul M. Adams, Geo. Mecklenburg, H. G. Humphrey.

Episcopal Residence—C. L. Bovard, Edward Smith, C. M. Donaldson, G. D. Wolfe, Geo. Mecklenburg, Charles D. Crouch, George Bailey, J. V. Kohler.

Commission on Finance—Geo. Mecklenburg, E. D. Swisher, J. G. Ross, E. C. Bartlett, Thos. Hardie, G. E. Marvin, J. H. Inch, B. A. Winans.

Fraternal Delegate to Northwest Conference Methodist Episcopal Church, South—E. L. Mills.

Stewardship Secretaries—

Butte District—Charles D. Crouch, District Secretary.

Butte Sub. District—Charles Rhodes.

Helent Sub. District—Charles M. Donaldson.

Missoula Sub. District—Jesse Lacklen.

Yellowstone District—J. A. Meeke, District Secretary.

Billings Sub. District—Judge R. L. Donley.

Glendive Sub. District—John G. Ross.

Livingston Sub. District—H. K. Holtzinger.

Miles City Sub. District—W. C. Smith.

VII Disciplinary Questions

1. **Is this Annual Conference Incorporated According to the Requirement of the Discipline..**

It is.

2. **Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conference?**
C. L. Clifford, North Dakota, Horace K. Holtzinger, Mexico.

3. **Who have been Readmitted?**
None.

4. **Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches?**
None.

5. **Who have been Received on Trial?**
(a) In Studies of First Year. None.
(b) In Studies of Third Year under the Seminary Rule. None.

6. **Who have been Continued on Trial?**
(a) In Studies of First Year. Hubert W. Woods, Martin Van Demark.
(b) In Studies of Second Year. Cecil G. Hannan, Carl Kundson, Aden T. Peck, W. C. Wampler.
(c) In Studies of Third Year. Fred Anstice, Amadeo Trappolini.
(d) In Studies of Fourth Year. None.

7. **Who have been Discontinued.** None.

8. **Who have been admitted into Full Membership?**
(a) Elected and Ordained Deacons this year. None.
(b) Elected and Ordained Deacons previously. None.

9. **What Members are in studies of Third Year?**
(a) Admitted into Full Membership this year. None.
(b) Admitted into Full Membership previously. Ira F. Rankin.

10. **What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?**
Louis L. Ortmyer.

11. **What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study.**
(a) Elected and Ordained Elders this year. None.
(b) Elected and Ordained Elders previously. None.
(c) Elected and Ordained Elders under the Seminary Rule. None.

12. **What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?**
(a) As Local Preachers. None.
(b) Under Missionary Rule. Carl Knudson, W. C. Wampler.
(c) Under the Seminary Rule. None.

13. **What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?**
(a) As Local Deacons. None.
(b) Under Missionary Rule. None.

14. **Was the Character of each Preacher examined?**
This was strictly done as the name of each preacher was called in open Conference.

15. Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences?

Geo. M. Carter, Nebraska.
C. E. Fenton, North Dakota.
W. A. Parkinson, New Mexico.
K. O. Pearson, Columbia River.
Archibald E. Plummer, North Montana.
Joshua Randall, Detroit.

16. Who have died?

Samuel E. Snider.

17. Who have been Located at their own Request?

None.

18. Who have been Located?

None.

19. Who have Withdrawn?

J. H. Mitchell.

20. Who have been permitted to Withdraw under Charges or Complaints?

None.

21. Who have been Expelled?

None.

22. What other personal Notation should be made?

F. M. Latham changed from supernumerary to effective.
Henry A. James from effective to retired.

23. Who are the Supernumerary Ministers, and for what number of years consecutively has each held this Relation?

F. O. Linger (4), G. J. Stephens (4).

24. Who are the Retired Ministers?

J. A. Badcon, W. H. Calvert, John Hosking, Henry A. James, Andrew Kershaw, Geo. D. King, Jacob Mills, A. P. Morrison, Wilder Nutting, S. A. Oliver.

25. Who are the Triers of Appeals?

Charles D. Crouch, Jacob Mills, R. P. Smith, C. M. Donaldson.
E. C. Bartlett, Reserve—Geo. D. Wolfe, F. T. Spencer.

26. What is the Annual Report of the Conference Board of Home Missions and Church Extension?

See Report.

27. What is the Annual Report of the Conference Board of Foreign Missions?

See Report.

28. What is the Statistical Report?

See the Statistician's Report.

29. What is the Conference Treasurer's Report?

See the Conference Treasurer's Report.

30. (a) **What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer?**

\$38,820.

- (b) **What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the Annual Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer?**

\$38,480.

31. **What are the Claims on the Conference Funds?**

For Annuity distribution, 437 years multiplied by the Disciplinary rate of \$20 per year, \$8740. For Necessitous distribution, \$350. Total \$9090.

32. (a) **What has been Received on these Claims?**

From the Book Concern, \$639. From Annual Conference Investments, \$183. From the Chartered Fund, \$35. From Pastoral Charges, \$3564. From the Board of Conference Claimants, \$600. Total, \$5021.

- (b) **How has it been Applied?** See report of Conference Stewards.

33. **What amount has been apportioned to the Pastoral Charges within the Conference, to be raised for the Support of Conference Claimants? (Par. 336.)**

\$7776.

34. **What amount has been paid by the Conference Treasurer to the Board of Conference Claimants for Connectional Relief?**

\$134.

35. **Where are the Preachers Stationed?**

See List of Appointments.

36. **Where shall the Next Conference be held?**

Missoula.

VIII

Appointments

Butte District

District Superintendent	Charles L. Bovard	(6)
Anaconda	E. C. Bartlett	(1)
Avon	(Wm. Koehler Supply)	(3)
Big Blackfoot	(Samuel Fletcher Supply)	(3)
Butte: Grace	Charles Rhodes	(3)
Mountain View	To be supplied	
Silver Bow	(Supplied by pastor of Grace)	(1)
Trinity & Mt. Bethel	W. H. Pascoe	(3)
Unity & Italian Mission	H. W. Woods	(1)
Wesley	(Supplied by pastor of Unity)	(1)
Clancy & Jefferson	W. C. Wampler	(2)
Dillon	Edward Smith	(2)
Dillon Circuit	(Supplied by pastor of Dillon	
Drummond & Hall	To be supplied	
Hamilton	Thomas Miller	(2)
Helena, Oakes Street	To be supplied	
St. Paul's	Charles D. Crouch	(3)
Lolo Circuit	To be supplied	
McAllister	(Ernest Mills supply)	(1)
Missoula	Jesse Lacklen	(3)
Philipsburg	Fred Anstice	(3)
Ronan	To be supplied	
St. Ignatius	(Supplied by W. S. Tester	(5)
Sheridan & Ruby	C. E. Cunningham	(2)
Stevensville	George Reid	(1)
Superior & Alberton	(Supplied by L. E. Simes)	(4)
Thompson & Plains	(To be supplied by T. R. Clarkson)	(2)
Three Forks	T. H. Barker	(1)
Townsend & Radersburg	W. G. R. Dann	(2)
Twin Bridges	To be supplied	
Whitehall	F. T. Spencer	(6)
Winston & Marysville	To be supplied	

YELLOWSTONE DISTRICT

District Superintendent	H. G. Humphrey	(2)
Ashland & Birney	(Supplied by P. A. Kliever)	(1)
Baker	(Supplied by Louis D. Harris)	(1)
Billings	George D. Wolfe	(2)
Bloomfield Circuit	(Supplied by S. F. Langdell)	(1)
Bozeman	R. P. Smith	(7)
Bridger	H. E. Chappell	(1)
Clyde Park	To be supplied	
Comanche Circuit	To be supplied	
Edwards Circuit	To be supplied	
Fairview	H. M. Cooper	(5)
Forsyth	Fred Whitford	(2)
Glendive	John G. Ross	(4)
Fromberg	To be supplied	
Hardin	J. A. Meeke	(2)
Huntley & Worden	Louis L. Ortmeyer	(1)
Ingomar Circuit	W. C. Smith	(2)

Joliet Circuit	- - - - -	To be supplied
Laurel	- - - - -	E. D. Swisher (1)
Livingston	- - - - -	Horace K. Holtzinger (1)
Miles City	- - - - -	Thomas Hardie (4)
Park City	- - - - -	(Supplied by G. J. S. Abels) (1)
Pine Creek	- - - - -	F. M. Latham (2)
Reed Point Circuit	- - - - -	A. T. Peck (2)
Red Lodge	- - - - -	F. C. Fulford (1)
Roberts & Boyd	- - - - -	To be supplied
Richey Circuit	- - - - -	To be supplied
Sidney	- - - - -	A. D. Welch (4)
Wibaux	- - - - -	(Supplied by W. H. Calvert) (3)
Wilsall	- - - - -	Cecil G. Hannan (2)

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

Paul M. Adams, Professor of Biology, Montana Wesleyan College, St. Paul's Quarterly Conference, Helena, Montana (8).

John Chirgwin, Field Superintendent of Montana Deaconess School, St. Paul's Quarterly Conference, Helena, Montana. (9)

C. M. Donaldson, President of Montana Wesleyan College, St. Paul's Quarterly Conference, Helena, Montana. (2).

Geo. Mecklenburg, Executive Secretary of Helena Area, St. Paul's Quarterly Conference, Helena, Montana.

Edward Laird Mills, Editor Pacific Christian Advocate, St. Paul's Quarterly Conference, Helena, Montana.

G. C. Stull, Chaplain in the United States Army, Billings, Montana. Billings Quarterly Conference.

Martin E. Van Demark, Principal Montana Wesleyan Academy, St. Paul's Quarterly Conference, Helena, Montana.

Ira F. Rankin and Carl Knudsen, both of St. Paul's Quarterly Conference, Helena; R. R. Kletzing of the Twin Bridges Quarterly Conference; Amadeo Trappolini and J. M. A. Papa, both of Mountain View Quarterly Conference, Butte and Charles F. Wolfe, Anaconda Quarterly Conference, left without appointments to attend some of our school.

O. G. Ponath, Billings Quarterly Conference on leave of absence.

DEACONESS APPOINTMENTS

Edith R. Ackerman, R. N. Superintendent	Bozeman Deaconess Hospital
Mary E. Davidson	" " "
Annabelle Harper	" " "
Monta Bane, R. N. Superintendent	Sidney Deaconess Hospital
Cora F. Meneley, R. N. Asst. Supt.	" " "
Angusta Nelson	Butte, Deaconess Hospital
Anna Helickson, Leave of absence	" " "
Lyra E. Sanborn, R. N. Associate Deaconess Superintendent	Butte Deaconess Hospital.

Roxana Beck, Principal	Montana Deaconess School Helena
Helen C. Piper	" " " "
Ethel Hancock	" " " "
Leon Rice	" " " "
Blanche Baker	" " " "
Ruth E. Robertson, R. N. Associate Superintendent Forsyth Deaconess Hospital	
Donna E. Watts, R. N., Supt. Training School, Forsyth.	

APPROPRIATIONS FOR MAINTENANCE

(Any fund designated to any individual Charge, is not necessarily to be paid, unless the conditions on the Charge make it impossible to provide the pastor the standard of support aimed at through the designation of these amounts).

Butte District

Avon	\$ 300
Big Blackfoot	400
Butte: Silver Bow	200
" Trinity & Mt. Bethel	200
" Unity & Italian	600
" Wesley	200
Clancy & Jefferson	400
Drummond & Hall	300
Hamilton & Sula	300
Helena: Oakes' St.	400
McAllister	500
Marysville & Winston	300
Philipsburg	500
Ronan & Round Butte	400
St. Ignatius	300
Sheridan	300
Superior & Alberton	300
Thompson & Plains	400
Three Forks	500
Townsend & Radersburg	300
Twin Bridges	300
Whitehall Circuit	400
District	200
Total.....	\$8000

Approved by Chas. L. Bovard and C. E. Vermilya.

Yellowstone District:

Ashland Circuit	\$ 100
Baker	300
Bloomfield Circuit	500
Bridger	400
Clyde Park	250
Comanche Circuit	200
Edwards Circuit	450
Fairview Circuit	550

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Forsyth	180
Fishtail Circuit	200
Huntley & Worden	300
Ingomar Circuit	450
Joliet Circuit	400
Laurel	400
Park City	300
Red Lodge	300
Reed Point	450
Richey Circuit	450
Roberts	400
Sidney	100
Wibaux	270
Wilsall	200
District	350

Total.....\$7400

Approved by H. G. Humphrey and C. E. Vermilya.

I concur,

CHARLES WESLEY BURNS.

IX

Daily Proceedings

FIRST DAY, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25, 1921

Opening. The Thirty-fifth Session of the Montana Annual Conference convened in the Miles City Methodist Episcopal Church, on Wednesday August 24, 1921. At 9:30 the devotions were conducted by Bishop Charles Wesley Burns, "O Thou in Whose Presence" was sung, Charles D. Crouch offered prayer, and the Bishop read from the nineteenth chapter of St. John, and spoke from the text "And He went forth bearing His Cross". The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered the Bishop being assisted by the two District Superintendents, Edward Smith, and the pastor Thomas Hardie.

The Secretary was instructed to send a telegram of greeting to Brother Henry A. James in the Bozeman Deaconess Hospital.

Organization. The Secretary called the Roll, and the following responded: Effective Elders—Paul M. Adams, Thos. H. Barker, Edw. C. Bartlett, Charles L. Bovard, H. E. Chappell, John Chirgwin, Charles D. Crouch, Harry M. Cooper, C. E. Cunningham, W. G. R. Dann, Chas. M. Donaldson, C. E. Fenton, F. C. Fulford, Thomas Hardie, H. G. Humphrey, Jesse Lacklen, Geo. Mecklenburg, John A. Meeke, Thos. Miller, E. L. Mills, W. A. Parkinson, W. H. Pascoe, Joshua O. Randall, Geo. Reid, Charles Rhodes, John G. Ross, Edward Smith, W. C. Smith, F. T. Spencer, E. D. Swisher, Arthur D. Welch, Fred Whitford, C. F. Wolfe, Geo. D. Wolfe. Supernumerary: F. M. Latham. Retired: J. A. Badcon, W. H. Calvert, John Hosking, Jacob Mills, Under-Graduates: Louis L. Ortmeyer, Aden T. Peck, Cecil G. Hannan, Carl Kundsén, W. G. Wampler, Hubert W. Woods.

Charles Rhodes was elected Secretary, and named as his Assistants T. Hardie and F. T. Spencer.

F. C. Fulford was elected Statistician, and named Thomas Miller to assist.

Treasurer, Fred Whitford was elected, Assistants E. D. Swisher, F. M. Latham, Jese Lacklen and Louis L. Ortmeyer.

A. D. Welch was elected Auditor. Other elections were: Prorating Secretary, E. C. Bartlett; Reporter Paul M. Adams with Carl Knudsen Assistant, and Postmaster F. T. Spencer.

H. G. Humphrey nominated the Conference Boards and Committees and they were elected. (See list).

Question 1. Is this Conference incorporated? It is.

2. Who have been received by transfer and from what Conference? The Bishop announced the transfer of Horace K. Holtzinger from the Mexico Conference to this Conference.

The Board of Examiners were named by the Bishop, the following changes being made, Thomas Miller and George Reid in place of C. F. Wolfe and H. G. Humphrey.

On motion of C. L. Bovard the Memorial Session was postponed until the arrival of some of the brethren who were delayed.

Butte District. The character of C. L. Bovard was passed, and having answered the disciplinary questions, he read his report. (See page.....)

G. D. Wolfe moved it was carried that all special cases be referred directly to the Committee on Conference Relations.

Bar of Conference was set to include the first four rows of seats on motion of C. L. Bovard.

Introductions. Dr. Newton E. Davis Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Hospitals and Homes, was introduced and addressed the Conference. Miss Ackerman of the Bozeman Deaconess Hospital and Miss Meneley of the Sidney Deaconess Hospital were also introduced and addressed the Conference. The following were also introduced: Dr. R. E. Dunlap of the Council of the Board of Benevolences, Dr. Wm. S. Bovard Secretary of the Board of Sunday Schools, Dr. E. L. Mills Editor of the Pacific Christian Advocate, Dr. C. M. Donaldson President of Montana Wesleyan College, Dr. G. Bickley Burns, brother of our Bishop, and a District Superintendent in the Philadelphia Conference, Dr. C. E. Vermilya Superintendent of the Frontier Department of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, Rev. L. D. Harris pastor of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, Willard, Mont., Rev. Horace K. Holtzinger of Livingston, Rev. John A. Badcon of Seattle, a retired minister, and C. B. Penney of the Methodist Book Concern. Rev. P. D. Hartman of Stevensville was introduced and invited to sit within the bar of Conference and participate in the deliberations.

Chas. D. Crouch was requested by the Bishop to preside at the Statistical Session.

Announcements were made and the Conference adjourned with the benediction by Dr. Vermilya.

Statistical Session at 2 p. m., Charles D. Crouch presiding; the Roll was called and the brethren responded by turning in their reports to the Treasurer and Statistical Secretary.

SECOND DAY, THURSDAY, AUGUST 25th.

Devotions at 8:30; after singing, Jacob Mills offered prayer, the Bishop read from St. Mark's Gospel, speaking of the "Anger of Jesus."

The Bishop called the Conference to order at 9:30, and the Minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

W. H. Pascoe moved and it was carried, that the brethren who were unavoidably delayed and consequently not present at the Roll Call, be marked as present.

On motion of Geo. D. Wolfe, the Secretary was instructed to send a message of sympathy to Brother O. G. Ponath who is unable to be with us because of sickness.

Order of the Day. 9:30 Saturday morning was on motion of C. L. Bovard fixed as the hour for the Centenary Clinic.

Memorial Service was set at 11:45 this morning on motion of Chas. D. Crouch.

John G. Ross and Jesse Lacklen named by their District Superintendents, were elected to convey the greeting of the Conference to the members of the Lay Electoral Conference.

C. L. Bovard moved that C. F. Wolfe be granted leave of absence from the remainder of this Conference, and it was granted; on invitation of the Bishop he spoke a few words, and his father Geo. D. Wolfe offered prayer for his son and others going to School for further preparation.

The Statistical Secretary was given permission to absent himself for a day to discharge the duties of his office on motion of C. L. Bovard.

25. "Who are the Triers of Appeal?" The District Superintendents nominated Chas. D. Crouch, Jacob Mills, R. P. Smith, C. M. Donaldson, E. C. Bartlett, with Geo. D. Wolfe and F. T. Spencer Reserve.

Yellowstone District. The character of the Superintendent H. G. Humphrey was passed, he answered the usual disciplinary questions and read his report. (See Report page 110).

Question 14. The characters of the following effective elders and probationers on the Butte District were passed, and they reported as to whether ministerial support had been pro-rated, the amount raised

for the Centenary, the number of conversions and accessions to the Church, and the number of tithing stewards,—C. F. Wolfe, C. Rhodes, W. A. Parkinson, J. O. Randall, W. H. Pascoe, F. C. Fulford, W. C. Wampler, E. Smith, T. H. Barker, T. Miller, A. E. Plummer, Chas. D. Crouch, Louis L. Ortmeyer, J. Lacklen, C. E. Cunningham, W. G. R. Dann, F. T. Spencer, C. Knudsen, F. Anstice, delayed in returning from England was passed in character. John A. Smith reported for Twin Bridges, Ernest Mills for Three Forks, P. D. Hartman for Stevensville, R. L. Glasgow for Ronan, T. R. Clarkson for Thompson Falls, W. Koehler for Avon, and S. Fletcher for Big Blackfoot. Reports from Lolo were sent by Mrs. Ida A. McAllister, from St. Ignatius by W. S. Tester and from Superior by Dr. L. E. Simes, from Avon by Wm. Koehler.

Yellowstone District. The characters of the following effective elders and probationers were passed and they reported in a similar manner,—H. E. Chappell, G. D. Wolfe, E. D. Swisher, C. E. Fenton, H. M. Cooper, F. Whitford, A. T. Peck, J. G. Ross, J. A. Meeke, W. C. Smith, H. W. Woods, T. Hardie, E. C. Bartlett, A. D. Welch, Cecil G. Hannan, H. A. James and O. G. Ponath unable to be present, were passed in character. S. F. Langdell reported for Bloomfield, G. J. S. Abels for Huntley, F. M. Latham for Pine Creek, and W. H. Calvert for Wibaux.

Special Appointments. The character of the following men on detached service were passed,—Paul M. Adams, John Chirgwin, C. M. Donaldson, Geo. Mecklenburg, and E. L. Mills, the latter speaking of the Pacific Christian Advocate of which he is Editor. Geo. Reid was passed in character and reported. G. C. Stull and Martin E. Van Demark were also passed in character.

The case of J. H. Mitchell was on motion of C. L. Bovard referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

The retired brethren were passed in character,—J. A. Badcon, W. H. Calvert, John Hosking and Jacob Mills, all of whom were present, and the following who reported by letter—A. Kershaw, Geo. D. King, A. P. Morrison, Wilder Nutting and S. A. Oliver.

Introductions. Dr. A. W. Harris of the Board of Education was introduced and addressed the Conference. The following brethren from North Dakota were introduced—Dr. H. Styles Harriss, Superintendent of the Bismarck District, Rev. C. L. Clifford of Minot, Dr. Quigley of Bismarck, Rev. Porter Knudsen, of Marmarth.

Dr. R. A. Dunlap addressed the Conference representing the Committee of Conservation and Advance.

C. B. Penny represented the Methodist Book Concern, and handed to the Bishop a draft for \$639 the distribution from the Book Concern, and one of \$35 from the Chartered Fund. These on the motion of Chas. D. Crouch were turned over to the Treasurer of the Board of Conference Stewards.

Memorial Session. Geo. D. Wolfe was called to the Chair.

After singing, John A. Meeke lead in prayer.

A telegram having been received during the morning session of the death of Bishop Wilson S. Lewis, who died on Wednesday afternoon at the Methodist Hospital, Sioux City, Iowa, Bishop Burns spoke very feelingly of Bishop Lewis as a man of overflowing personality, a pioneer in projecting great plans and programs, a holy man whose heart took in the whole world. He urged that as the leaders fall we must work the harder, and prayed that upon the ministry of the Church the deceased bishop's mantle of holiness may fall.

Geo. D. Wolfe made reference to the death during the year of President H. J. Talbot of Kimball School of Theology, and of Professor Edwin Sherwood who was present at our Conference last year.

Charles D. Crouch read the memoir of Rev. Samuel E. Snider. C. L. Bovard read the obituary of Mrs. Henrietta Raleigh, H. G. Humphrey spoke of Frederick Spellmeyer Whitford, son of Brother Whitford of Forsyth. (see section "Memoirs".)

Conference adjourned with benediction by Paul M. Adams.

THIRD DAY, FRIDAY, AUGUST 26th.

Devotions at 8:30 the Bishop in charge. "Glorious things of thee are spoken" was sung, W. H. Calvert offered prayer. Rev. C. L. Clifford of Minot, N. D. on invitation of the bishop gave the devotional message from the text "When ye pray".

Minutes approved as read.

Dr. C. E. Vermilya addressed the Conference.

A telegram from Brother Henry A. James in appreciation of our greetings was read.

Order of the Day. On motion of C. L. Bovard, 11 o'clock was set as the time for the Corporate Session, and 11:30 as the hour for receiving the Lay delegates.

Publishing Minutes. The secretary presented the report of the Publishing Committee which recommended the printing of 600 copies, and an assessment of five mills on each dollar of cash salary of pastors; on motion of C. L. Bovard the report was accepted.

Fred Whitford the Treasurer was excused from attendance today because of the duties of his office.

H. W. Woods was excused until tomorrow, he being called back to his Charge for a funeral service.

E. C. Bartlett Pro-rating Secretary asking for the Conference to decide several matters; on motion of C. L. Bovard, Brother Glasgow who had failed to secure Clergy permit was allowed to report his full fare; the deaconesses were not included, it being understood that their expenses were paid by the Institutions they represent.

The District Superintendents handed in a substituted list of the Board of Sunday Schools, which was accepted.

Report of the Board of Sunday School was presented by Geo. Mecklenburg, and on motion of C. L. Bovard the report with its recommendations was adopted.

Disciplinary Questions. 6 (a) Who have been continued on trial? H. W. Woods, Martin Van Demark were continued on trial in the studies of the first year on recommendation of the Board of Examiners and the District Superintendents.

6 (b) Aden T. Peck was continued on trial in the studies of the second year. Cecil G. Hannan, Carl Knudsen, and W. C. Wampler, properly recommended, were continued on trial and advanced to the studies of the second year.

6 (c) Amadeo Trappolini was continued on trial in the studies of the third year. Fred Anstice having completed the studies of the first and second years, was continued on trial and advanced to the studies of the third year.

9 (b). Ira F. Rankin was continued in the studies of the third year.

10. Louis L. Ortmeyer having completed the studies of the third year, was advanced to the studies of the fourth year.

12. (b) Carl Knudsen and W. C. Wampler, were on the recommendation of the Committee on Conference Relations and the Board of Examiners, and on motion of C. L. Bovard the District Superintendent elected to deacon's orders under the Missionary rule.

16. Who have died? Samuel E. Snider.

19. Who have withdrawn? J. H. Mitchell on the recommendation of the Chairman of the Committee on Conference Relations was permitted to withdraw at his own request.

22. What other personal notation should be made? F. M. Latham on the recommendation of the Committee on Conference Relations was changed from supernumerary to the effective relation.

24. Henry A. James having expressed his desire to be given a retired relation, this was granted on the motion of H. G. Humphrey, the District Superintendent. Jacob Mills offered prayer for Brother James in his illness.

With regard to the case of T. H. Martin, C. L. Bovard moved that to clear the record, it be recorded that the action taken last year permitting this brother to withdraw at his own request, was on the recommendation of the Chairman of the Committee on Conference Relations.

Introduction. Dr. J. D. McCormick of the Department of Biblical Interpretation of the Kimball School of Theology was introduced and addressed the Conference, and Chas. D. Crouch reported his visit as trustee of the School on the inauguration of Dr. Hickman as President.

C. M. Donaldson addressed the Conference on Montana Wesleyan College.

C. L. Bovard reported for the Committee on Episcopal Residence and the Committee was continued, it being agreed that any provision they may make for building or securing a home for an Episcopal Residence will receive the hearty endorsement and support of the Conference.

At 11 a. m. the conference went into **Corporate session**, and Charles D. Crouch took the Chair.

The report of Jacob Mills as treasurer of the Conference was read and accepted on motion of C. E. Fenton.

The motion of C. L. Bovard that we make an order upon the Treasurer for the payment of half the expenses of the visit of a trustee representing this Conference at Kimball School, was on vote not agreed to.

Motion of G. D. Wolfe that the interest of the amounts standing to the credit of the Conference on the White Sulphur Springs and East Gallatin Funds, be paid this year to the Treasurer of the Board of Conference Stewards, was agreed to.

The Trustees of the Conference were nominated by the District Superintendents, and duly elected, as follows: Charles D. Crouch, C. M. Donaldson, Jacob Mills, A. F. Ritz and G. A. Bailey.

The Corporate Session adjourned, and the Bishop resumed the Chair.

On motion of C. L. Bovard, Jesse Lacklen was released from further attendance at this Conference, he being called to Missoula because of the death of Mrs. Newell Gough, a daughter of our departed brother Rev. J. W. Bennett, the sympathy of the Conference being given to the family.

36. Jesse Lacklen gave the invitation for the Conference to meet next year at Missoula, and on motion it was cordially accepted.

The **Amendments** passed down by the General Conference to be voted upon, were then taken up, thirty members being present and voting.

Amendment No. 1. "Proposed Amendment for the Admission of Laymen to the Annual Conference" was rejected, the vote being, For the adoption of the Amendment none, Against the adoption of the Amendment 28.

Amended Amendment proposed by the Laymen's Association of the Methodist Episcopal Church was then considered, and after discussion the vote was taken as follows: "For the Amended Amendment" 22, Against 8.

A vote was then taken on the Amendment of the General Conference as amended, and it was adopted by more than two-thirds of the members of the Conference present and voting, the vote standing For the amendment as amended 22, Against 7.

Amendment No. 2 was then considered "Proposed Amendment to Change name of Quarterly Conference to Local Conference", the vote being For 19, Against 12. The amendment was not accepted; a two-third vote being necessary for its adoption.

Amendment No. 3 "To change the Ratio of Representation in the General Conference" was carried by the following vote, For 29, Against 4.

Announcements were made, and adjournment was taken with the benediction by Jesse Lacklen.

FOURTH DAY, SATURDAY, AUGUST 27th.

At 8:30 the devotions were conducted by the Bishop who, after singing and prayer spoke from the words "Which is easier to say thy sin be forgiven thee, or arise, take up thy bed and walk."

At 9:30 business was taken up; minutes read and approved. C. L. Bovard moved that Committees from the two Districts be appointed to plan for the District Rallies to be held in the Fall and Spring, these Committees to look after financing these Rallies. The Committees were afterward named by H. G. Humphrey and agreed to, as follows:

Butte District,—District Superintendent, Geo. Mecklenburg, C. M. Donaldson, Chas. D. Crouch, Paul Adams; Yellowstone District: District Superintendent, Geo. D. Wolfe, H. K. Holtzinger, John G. Ross, and Dr. A. J. Movius, Billings.

An invitation having been received from the Laurel Chamber of Commerce, inviting the Conference to meet at Laurel next year, on motion of H. G. Humphrey, appreciation was expressed for the invitation.

23. Who are the supernumerary ministers? F. O. Linger (4), G. J. Stephens (4).

24. Who are the retired ministers? J. A. Badcon, W. H. Calvert, John Hosking, Henry A. James, Andrew Kershaw, Geo. D. King, Jacob Mills, A. P. Morrison, Wilder Nutting, S. A. Oliver.

Chas. D. Crouch asked for a revision of the list of boards and Committees so that he might be released from a number, and made the suggestion that E. L. Mills be trustee of Kimball School of Theology in his place, and on motion the matter was referred to the District Superintendents for their action.

H. G. Humphrey presented the request of O. G. Ponath asking that he be allowed a sabbatical year leave of absence, and on motion of the District Superintendent the request was agreed to.

Order of the Day. 9:30 the Centenary Clinic, with a report by the Area Secretary, George Mecklenburg.

On motion of H. G. Humphrey the Bishop was requested to ask of the brethren next year whether all the benevolences have been presented.

Questions 30, 31, 32, 33, and 34 were asked, and were properly answered, the answers being given in the section headed "Disciplinary Questions".

John A. Meeke presented the report of the **Board of Stewards** with the following resolution:—

Resolved that we request the Committee on Conference Relations to make a realignment of the list of those in the retired relation, that this new alignment be in accordance with the new legislation of the Church according to paragraph 341, section 1, as follows:—

(a) Those who have attained the age of 65 or more (b) Those who

have spent 40 years in the Christian ministry (c) Those who through disability are unable to give further active service (d) Others (This last classification includes all who are retired but who do not come under classifications, (a) (b) (c).)

The report was adopted, and the resolution passed.

Dr. Oaten of the Board of Conference Claimants addressed the Conference. He presented a draft for \$600 from the Board of Conference Claimants, and on motion of C. L. Bovard it was passed to the Treasurer of the Board of Conference Stewards.

28. What is the Statistical report? Report given by F. C. Fulford was on motion of C. L. Bovard adopted and ordered printed in the Minutes, and appreciation was expressed for the services of the Statistical staff.

29. What is the Conference Treasurer's Report? Fred Whitford presented the report, and on motion of Chas D. Crouch it was adopted, with thanks to the treasurer and assistants for their services.

Joint Session. The order of the day was taken up at 11:30. C. F. Gillette of Hardin brought greetings from the Lay Electoral Conference, and read the minutes and gave a report of the session. W. E. Stevens the president of the Lay Electoral Conference was introduced and addressed the Conference.

Montana Wesleyan College. C. M. Donaldson the President gave his report. (See Report, page 117). Professor Paul M. Adams was reported as having finished his sixteenth year as teacher in the College.

G. D. Wolfe read the Educational report, and it was adopted on motion of E. L. Mills.

Montana Deaconess School. Miss Roxana Beck was introduced, and she gave a splendid report of work done. Miss Piper was commended for her excellent work in the School.

John Chirgwin, Field Superintendent gave his report, and told of his success in obtaining funds for the "Brother Van Memorial". A. D. Welch brought in a supplementary report from the Board of Trustees of the School and the reports were adopted. (See page 114, reports).

Kimball School of Theology. G. D. Wolfe, and E. L. Mills, were named by the Conference as Trustees, and H. G. Humphrey as Visitor, and the three were also appointed as a commission in accordance with the recommendation of the report.

G. D. Wolfe moved that in view of the expense of publishing the Minutes, that the editing of the reports be put into the hands of the Secretary of the Conference and the Superintendent of the Butte District, and it was carried.

F. C. Fulford gave the report of the Conference Board of Home Missions and Church extension, C. L. Bovard read the appropriations for the Butte District, and H. G. Humphrey those for the Yellowstone District, and the report was adopted and the appropriations agreed to.

J. A. Martin District Superintendent in the North Montana Conference was greeted.

W. C. Wampler with his new bride were introduced to the Conference, and received greetings and congratulations.

The motion was made and carried that when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 before the ordination service.

Announcements were made, Brother Van's song, "The Seed of the Sower and the Song of the Reaper", was sung, and Dr. J. W. Taylor, District Superintendent in the Minnesota Conference pronounced the benediction, and the conference adjourned.

FIFTH DAY, SUNDAY, AUGUST 28th.

At 2:30 the Conference convened, the Bishop presiding. The Minutes were read and approved.

C. L. Bovard presented the corrections to the Conference Boards and Committees, and they were confirmed.

A. D. Welch gave the **Report of the Deaconess Board**, and the report with the recommendations was concurred in on motion of C. L. Bovard, with the striking out all reference to the Secretary of the White Cross Organization, we putting ourselves on record as asking that the White Cross be organized here as in other States affiliated with the National Association.

Reports on Temperance. Foreign Missions, and Women's Foreign Missionary Society were read by F. T. Spencer and adopted.

Committee on **Resolutions** reported, and on motion of C. L. Bovard the resolutions were returned to be amended and perfected, same to be adopted now, and read at the evening service.

Report of **Auditing Committee** given, and accepted.

Dr. Taylor was presented to the Conference, as the official representative of the Central Office of the Epworth League, to speak at the Rally tonight. The **Epworth League Report** given by E. D. Swisher was adopted with the addition of mention of the Central Office.

On motion of G. D. Wolfe it was agreed that pastors of districts get together at the close of this session to consider nomination of delegates for the Area Council.

16. Who have been transferred and to what Conference? G. M. Carter, Nebraska; C. E. Fenton, North Dakota; W. A. Parkinson, New Mexico; K. O. Pearson, Columbia River; A. E. Plummer, North Montana; Joshua O. Randall, Detroit.

The Minutes were read and approved.

G. D. Wolfe moved that when we adjourn after the Ordination service, we adjourn to meet at the close of the evening service to complete the records, to hear the reading of the Resolutions, and the reading of the appointments, and that the Journal be made the Official Record of the Conference, and this was so ordered.

At 8:30 p. m. the session resumed, the Bishop presiding. Reports were given of the nominations made by the pastors for representatives on the Area Council,—Jesse Lacklen for the Butte District, and G. D. Wolfe for the Yellowstone District, and these brethren were elected.

G. D. Wolfe presented the following: The resolution being agreed to.

"Whereas we have heard with regret the announcement of the transfer of our Brother C. E. Fenton to the North Dakota Conference.

Therefore be it resolved that we express hereby our large appreciation of our genial, lovable, helpful brother. We pray for his continued success in his new field, and assure him of a hearty welcome whenever he desires to return to us."

The **Resolutions** were read by H. W. Woods, the Bishop read the **Appointments**, and Conference stood **Adjourned** with the benediction by Jacob Mills, after the Congregation sang "God be with you 'till we meet again".

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION

This is to Certify that at Miles City, Montana, on August the 28th, I ordained as deacons, Carl Knudsen, and Walter C. Wampler. I also at the same time and place, consecrated as Deaconess, Cora Frances Meneley.

CHARLES WESLEY BURNS.

CERTIFICATE

The foregoing is the Official Journal of the Montana Annual Conference at the Thirty-fifth Session held in Miles City, Montana, August 25, 26, 27, and 28, 1921.

CHARLES WESLEY BURNS,

Charles Wesley Burns

Presiding Bishop.

Chas. Rhodes

Secretary.

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Reports

(A) DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS

(1) BUTTE DISTRICT

Bishop and Brethren: With devout gratitude to the Father of all mercies I beg to submit this my sixth annual report as superintendent of the Butte District.

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Our Department Work.

The Sunday School found in nearly every charge and preaching place, is rightly regarded as the most fundamental adjunct to the Kingdom program. And we believe the Sunday Schools in this District will show a healthful advance in attendance and efficiency. There is very little call for extension work in this District. The appointment of Dr. Andrews to the Conference field agency for the Sunday Schools early in the Conference year, was hailed with delight. We thank the Board of Sunday Schools for their consideration and contribution of this valuable assistance. We can testify that in so far as we have come in contact with the work of Dr. Andrews, we have found it wise and in the direction of real progress. The pastors and Sunday School workers speak highly of his services. Of course we do not lose sight of the fact that where we have two field workers in the State, other denominations have from four to six. (one eight we are told). We have a few Sunday schools in this district that we believe will compare favorably with any in our denomination in organization and efficiency. The First Church, Missoula, Sunday School is a model, a delight to the visitor, and cooperates in making that church what it is—the leading moral and religious luminary in Montana. Mt. View School is doing the very best work in its history. Grace, Dillon and Grace, Butte have both made enviable records in their organizations and primary departments. Others might be mentioned scarcely less commendable did space permit. We are sadly in need of equipment, adequate rooms and other accessories. The difficulty in securing qualified teachers is painfully with us still. Our literature is used to the 100% limit in all of our schools. (Possibly a few Cooke's Boys papers may be in a few of our smaller schools). There is but little difficulty here in these days when our helps are universally acknowledged to be the best published. With the generous introductory arrangement for the benefit of newly organized schools there can be no excuse for seeking the so-called cheaper publication. The Ladies Aid Societies, organized in 95% of our charges, must come in for what may seem to some "fulsome praise". We reiterate what we have often said, but for these faithful women, banded together, fifty per cent of our occupied fields would be pastorless today. "When in doubt, go to the Ladies Aid". Taxes, insurance, repairs, decorations, debts, building, pastor's support and a hundred other items are referred to and cared for by this wonderful organization. We have 8 charges in this district that have contributed over \$500.00 this year. There are many evidences of a renaissance of our Epworth League. In spite of the strong pull of the many diversions and commercialized amusements, the young people's work in this district has more than held its own. A great contributing factor in this revival of interest is found in our Epworth League In-

stitute held annually in mid summer. We have had several new Junior leagues organized during the year. Our Bishop's emphasis upon the value of child culture and training has stimulated many charges to organize new Leagues as well as rehabilitate the old ones. There is yet much to be done in this fruitful field. Our women's missionary societies, as far as the charges have organizations, have made a fine showing in spite of adverse conditions. The annual meeting of the Columbia River Branch will meet at our Mt. View Church in October of this year, the first time that our State and Area has been so honored.

Our Institutions

These are three in number—The Montana Wesleyan College, The Montana Deaconess School for Boys and Girls (Both located at Helena) and the Butte Deaconess Hospital. As these are to be severally represented during the sessions of Conference I will make only the most general reference to them in this report.

Two of these institutions, altho located within the bounds of this district, belong to the Methodism of the whole state. The Montana Wesleyan College has had, in many respects, one of its best years. Its full complement of College classes, including a fine graduating class, the largest valid enrollment, the fine Esprit de corps in the faculty and among the students, the numerous intercollegiate victories where both brain and brawn were in competition, have given our school an academic standing that it has not previously enjoyed. President Donaldson has been fruitful in plans for further extending our zone of usefulness. He is gathering about him a faculty that will compare favorably with that of other Colleges in the Northwest. Altho our limited resources call for the most rigid economy, we try to economize where it will least damage the standing of our school. It seems to me that at this session of Conference we should set a definite time when we shall put on a state wide campaign for our first unit of endowment and then clear the way and work toward the goal.

The Deaconess school has won a high place in the regard of a wide constituency. While under Methodist constituency, it numbers among its supporters and friends a wide circle from all protestantism. Aside from its year of school work proper under the able management of Miss Beck, the best in its history I am told, the year has been notable in the successful prosecution of the campaign for the Van Orsdel Memorial building fund. Field Superintendent Chirgwin reports pledged subscriptions to the total of \$58,000 with actually paid in cash of \$26,000. The basement story has been completed at a cost of \$17,000 with sufficient funds on hand to discharge our financial obligations to the contractor and architect. The corner stone ceremonies on July 23 under the auspices of the Grand Lodge of the Masonic fraternity were attended by the friends of the Institution and were appropriate and full of quiet joy to all who have loved and sacrificed for this deserving Institution.

The Butte Deaconess Hospital continues to grow in popular favor. Several official visits by our Bishop strengthened the organization and tended to bring the business side of the hospital into a closer bond with our church. The churches in the district are more and more sending contribution toward its support. There is still room for improvement in this matter. Our State Field Secretary, Rev. R. C. Edgington in early spring put on a White Cross campaign in Butte for the benefit of the hospital and netted a good sum toward its yearly budget of expense. There is still need of funds to cover an indebtedness and increase the capacity of the institution. The retirement of Miss Hills from the Superintendency in June resulted in considerable demoralization in the management of the institu-

tion. It was not until August 1 that we were able to supply her place. At that time Miss Lyra Sanborn accepted the position of superintendent temporarily. Further details of this hospital will be given to the Conference Board and duly considered there.

Buildings and Improvements

We may say at once that industrial conditions have been most discouraging to launching any large programs for building. Much to our disappointment the church Extension department under compulsion of centenary deficiencies made us a building appropriation of less than 30% of our equitable askings or \$3000. And this was to take care of our projects already under way and for which applications were then pending. This left a balance to our credit for further projects of only \$150. There are several projects that now await financial encouragement from our Board in order to make them accomplished facts. However, something has been done. Three Forks has finished paying for the commodious parsonage, that centenary funds stimulated the people to undertake. Twin Bridges has begun work upon a new parsonage construction with a thousand dollar contribution from the centenary funds; Silver Bow, Butte has removed its building to the rear of the lots near the Deaconess Hospital and by adding a fine Sunday School room, is providing temporarily for a growing constituency. The centenary furnished some assistance here. Grace Church, Butte, with the assistance from the centenary funds, was enabled to save its valuable property and pay off completely a troublesome indebtedness, the accumulation of years. Other improvements are noted: Ronan without outside assistance has nearly doubled its floor space adding three large Sunday School and Epworth League rooms, bring the building to a position nearly adequate to the community needs of their growing city. A new parsonage is greatly needed there. Mt. View, Butte, made a complete overhauling of the interior of their building at the cost of several thousands of dollars. The decorations are in the best taste and add much to the joy of worship and service in this truly great church. Also Trinity, Butte, raised and expended somewhat over \$400—re-roofing and otherwise adding needed improvements. Hamilton begun and carried to completion a program of church improvement, including a new roof, outside and inside decorations. Lots convenient to the present property have been secured for a community hall which it is hoped may be undertaken at an early date. Dillon, Avon, Alberton, Waterloo and Philipsburg have each decorated and added minor improvements. The Ovando church was re-roofed and otherwise greatly improved. The property at Drummond has been fenced, graveled driveways built, re-papered and the value of our property greatly enhanced. We have doubtless overlooked other improvements, as I must write this report away from the records. Radersburg paid off a troublesome debt, equal to fifty per cent of its yearly budget. The new church enterprise launched this year in the Butte District on Oakes street, Helena. After full consultation with Bishop Burns and the Committee on Church Location, it was decided to rebuild on the present site. The plans for the new structure have been secured and the work halts only for a suitable opening for putting on the local campaign for funds. The plans call for a fine community hall in which the whole community social life can be properly conserved. It is hoped that this much needed building may soon advance to complete realization. Brother Plummer and Wampler have worked hard to bring the project forward. The Board has offered assistance from the emergency fund. Bishop Burns through a friend in the East has made a substantial donation.

Miscellaneous and Personal.

In the middle of the year upon the advice of Bishop Burns and Dr. Vermilya, our Italian work in Butte was placed in charge of our Unity pastor, F. C. Fulford and directed to be cared for in conjunction with that church. The missionary appropriation to the Italian work was duly paid over to Brother Fulford and by arrangements with him, certain long standing obligations against our Italian property were to be taken care of. His report to the Conference Board will give the details of these expenditures and show fully the wisdom of the arrangement. This combination should continue and thus secure a material saving to our missionary funds. It will be possible doubtless to make some other combinations and readjustments in the direction of increased support to our pastors and without lessening the scope of our missionary endeavor. These matters will be duly considered by the Cabinet.

And now in conclusion may I be permitted in a few words more or less personal in character. First, I wish to voice my joy in my association and fellowship with our resident Bishop during the year. Located as our district is, centering at the Episcopal residence city, it has given me a delightful privilege not possible to my ten colleagues. After twenty years of Episcopal aridity (barring a few cases) we can now enjoy real and continuous episcopal guidance and coordination. It is a joy, a restful assurance for the future glory of our Methodism in these wide spaces.

Of course none of us know what criticisms are whispered around about us. It is well we do not, I think. To the man who is uniformly careful to perform his duties faithfully as in the sight of God there is still abundance of room for errors and mistakes more or less serious, and from which harm may come to the cause we all love. I am not so foolish as to undertake to defend all my administrative acts. If I have attained an average degree of wisdom, I shall be satisfied. But certainly no man can ever have spent 20 years with ministers and churches and have received more uniform courtesy than that which has been accorded me in this Conference. I was east four years, but in a sense, my heart was here in Montana. This is my eleventh year of almost continuous travel. Six years previously in the mountains and deserts of New Mexico brings the total of field work up to almost one-half of my ministry. It was my sincere and unfeigned desire to be relieved of the District work at this session of Conference. I have so expressed myself to our very considerate Bishop on several occasions. So far, as the scotchman would put it, he has hardly assured me that my desire is to be complied with. But we still have some days together before my thirty-eighth annual appointment is read out, and new light may yet flash upon the cabinet.

It is too late now in my day of service in our Master's vineyard to flinch or shirk any plain indication of His will as to either where or what my task shall be.

I thank you all for your many kindnesses and charitable forbearances.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. L. BOVARD.

(2) YELLOWSTONE DISTRICT

Bishop Burns and Brethren: In presenting my first report as District Superintendent, of the Yellowstone District, I desire to express my genuine gratitude to our heavenly Father for His gracious care and protection. I have gained ten pounds in weight and have been able to keep every appointment, except three, during this conference year.

I desire also to express sincere appreciation of the kindest hospitality and brotherliness, on the part of the preachers and their families, shown me on every occasion. Without their co-operation, I could not have worked with any success.

One member of one of our parsonage home was called by death. Little Freddie Whitford passed away last January.

One parsonage has been gladdened by the arrival of a little daughter. Mary Swisher has come to bless the Swisher home in Bridger.

We began the year with four vacancies to fill. We found four pastors for these places and the year closes with 15 new preaching points established and seventeen new Sunday Schools organized.

Our dear Brother James, pastor of our church at Livingston, found it necessary to have four months leave of absence on account of sickness and finally relinquished his work last May. Bro. James still lingers with us. At present, he is at the Bozeman Deaconess Hospital. He bears his sickness with a Christian fortitude and a lively sense of the presence of God. This conference surely commends him to the gracious good Shepherd who never asks His loved ones to go alone into the valley of the shadow.

The work at Livingston has been cared for remarkably well by the local membership. While about twenty visiting speakers have filled the pulpit, the organized work of all departments has not even slackened its pace. New members are in Church, Sunday School, Epworth League and all other departments, with Centenary collections well in hand and financial obligations met in full.

Rev. Horace K. Holtzinger, a former assistant pastor with Bishop Burns in the Philadelphia Conference, has been appointed to this important and delightful charge.

We spent much of the early part of the conference year studying the field and getting acquainted with the people of the district. Twelve charges have increased their pastors' salary this year, aggregating in all about \$5200. A few, on account of drouth and hail, have not paid as much as last year.

A series of sub-district conference, held in Bozeman, Billings and Glendive, quickened the spiritual and missionary life of our churches. Bishop Burns has given generously of his time and helpful leadership in the work of this district this year.

Likewise, a series of Epworth League rallies held in Livingston, Billings, Forsyth, Glendive and Sidney succeeded in arousing new interest on the part of our young people, especially in the Epworth League Institute, at Wolf Creek. Our delegates have come back from that institute bringing enthusiasm and consecration.

The generous appropriation of the Board of Home Missions to the maintenance work on our weaker charges has enabled us to keep the work going where local support was limited. We have administered the funds as directed by this conference, with the exception of very minor changes made with the approval of Bishop Burns. For construction work, \$3000 was allowed by the Board for this district this conference year. One thousand has been applied to Hardin, \$500 to Wibaux, \$500 to Laurel, \$1000 to Ashland. We have also secured a memorial gift of \$300 with which to purchase the Congregational Church, at Clyde Park to be used as a Sunday School and recreational room.

The transfer of the Salesville property to the Christian Church has been made, and the money is in the hands of the conference board of trustees.

A new church has been organized at Dore, North Dakota, as a part of the Fairview circuit. A new church was also organized in the Shepherd community on the Huntley Circuit.

The Boyd church has been reorganized as a part of the Joliet circuit.

The efficient work of our Sunday School missionary, Rev. C. I. Andrews, assigned to this conference by our Board of Sunday Schools, has proven a wise and profitable investment for the kingdom. New Sunday Schools, with pastoral preaching in all but two places, have extended the influences of our churches into wider parishes. We strongly urge that he be continued in this work.

Out of these larger circuits we can form five new circuits, if pastors can be found.

Evangelistic services were held at Fairview, Dore, Wibaux, Glendive, Billings, Red Lodge, Park City, Reed Point, Roberts and Laurel. Our pastors in most of the other charges held special passion week services, climaxing in Easter Sunday. The indoor camp-meeting at Billings, with Rev. Joseph H. Smith, evangelist, in charge, was a season of genuine spiritual uplift to the City of Billings.

Our efficiency week at Laurel, led by Rev. George Mecklenburg, Area Secretary, resulted in lifting a troublesome debt incurred in remodeling the church and in putting the budget and Centenary finances of Laurel on a more modern basis.

The efficiency week at Red Lodge reveals a strong claim for Centenary help in social service work among its Methodist constituency and also the large number of foreign people.

More room is imperative at Red Lodge, also at Hardin, if we are going to maintain our present rate of growth. Every available corner is occupied in the church room at Hardin services.

Our work at Baker has come through the year with credit to the pastor. A proposed community Presbyterian church has been a troublesome problem. Two new preaching points have been added to this work.

At Boyd, a building formerly used as a union church, at Carborado has been acquired by the Methodist people and moved to a suitable location and set on a solid foundation. The building has been painted and furnished. Pastor Herbert Woods has received 46 members at this point. His new Sunday School at Silesia gives promise of becoming a strong work. The people are asking that a Methodist Church be organized.

Our Hospitals: This district now has three Deaconess Hospitals in operation and a fourth one projected. The Methodist church may well be proud of its splendidly equipped hospital at Bozeman. The nurses home has been renovated and decorated. The new hospital grounds have been leveled, sodded and beautified with flowers. It continues to serve a growing patronage in the prosperous Gallatin valley.

The Sidney Deaconess Hospital, with capacity of 30 beds, has cared for 532 patients and has done about \$15,000 worth of business this last year. Miss Monta Bane and Miss Meneley, our deaconesses in charge, are greatly beloved by the citizens of Sidney and the citizens of that county. During late November and the early part of last December Rev. R. C. Edgington was secured to lead a campaign for funds with which to pay interest on their debt and also to make a payment on the principal. About \$2000 was raised in cash and subscriptions. A destructive hail storm, which struck Sidney and vicinity, has made the payment of unpaid pledges impossible at this time. The Board of Directors of this hospital is

planning to pay one-third of the salary of the preacher who shall be assigned to the Methodist Church, at Sidney, in return for part of his time in helping secure financial resources for the hospital. The present pastor of our church, Rev. A. D. Welch, has given valuable time and council in all our hospital work.

At the session of this conference last year, a committee, consisting of Bishop Burns, the superintendent of the Yellowstone District, Rev. J. A. Martin, Miss Ida C. Hills and Rev. Fred Whitford were asked by the adopted report of the Conference Deaconess Board to confer with the commissioners of Rosebud County, concerning their proposition to build and equip a hospital and lease it to the Methodist Church to be managed and run as a Deaconess hospital at Forsyth. The committee met and entered into satisfactory agreement, organized a board of directors, according to deaconess hospital requirement, leased the fully equipped hospital for two years for the sum of \$1.00, with privilege of releasing for longer period. On April 21, this year, the Forsyth Deaconess Hospital was formally opened by Bishop Burns. It has a capacity of thirty-two beds and is now in successful operation. Miss Lyra E. Sanborn gave efficient service in helping get the equipment placed and the work under way. On August 1, she was transferred to the Butte Deaconess Hospital and Miss Ruth Robertson placed in charge at Forsyth as superintendent. She is a graduate nurse and one of our consecrated deaconesses. Miss Watts, also a graduate deaconess nurse, is in charge of the Nurses' Training School. Our pastor at Forsyth, Rev. Fred Whitford, gives generously of his time and council to the hospital work as secretary of the Board of Directors.

The Billings hospital campaign, launched last October, was managed by Rev. Carl N. Garland, who called to his aid a number of our leading pastors. The territory known as the "Midland Empire" surrounding Billings was canvassed for funds, resulting in a subscription totaling over \$102,000. These subscriptions are now being collected with the purpose of resuming the construction of the hospital building as soon as sufficient funds are on hand to warrant the building program. On the resignation of Br. Garland, the work has been efficiently managed by the Executive Committee, consisting of Rev. George D. Wolfe, B. G. Brockway and O. J. Thomas.

We urge that a hospital day be included in our church calendar in the late Sept. or early Oct. and our people be asked to bring to the church a generous gift of their products of garden and farm or of their pantry for the hospital located in their part of the territory.

Our Centenary collections have been pushed to the limit of our peoples' ability to pay. The same kind of an educational program that preceded the Centenary subscription must be made a continuous program of information, inspiration and appeal to the missionary motive to realize payment of the pledges. Not only do God's people perish for want of vision, but Centenary pledges perish for want of information concerning our authorized benevolences. Each of our official benevolences, with the fresh facts presented to our people by our pastors, giving them opportunity to give to these causes with due credit on their Centenary pledges, will go farther than using the term Centenary. Many of our people do not identify our Centenary work as including our benevolences and do not contribute at all of their substance to the various benevolent enterprises of our church.

I have endeavored to strengthen the weaker points on the district and have given little of my time to places like Bozeman, Billings, Miles City and Glendive.

The work in each of these larger churches has grown through the strong leadership of their pastors. Billings church will just about double its Centenary giving over last year. Bozeman church gives its pastor four months leave of absence, and the work is so well organized that its steady life is assured. Rev. R. P. Smith is in Europe at present. Miles City undertakes a large, varied program and puts it through with enthusiasm. Glendive church maintains an easy leadership in that city. Pastor J. G. Ross is a popular speaker throughout all Eastern Montana.

Billings held a Vacation Daily Bible School this summer with an enrollment of sixty scholars. This is the first one held on this district.

With a prayer for forgiveness for my many faults and for the continued patience and charity of the brethren I herewith submit my first report to this conference.

H. G. HUMPHREY.

(B) STANDING COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

Auditors

We have examined the accounts of the District Superintendents and of the Conference Treasurer, and find them correct.

DEACONESS BOARD

The annual Deaconess Board of Montana Conference convened at 2:30 on Wednesday afternoon at Miles City, seat of the Conference.

Prayer was offered by H. G. Humphrey.

The following members were present: Miss Edith Ackerman, Miss Roxana Beck, Miss Helen Piper, Miss Cora Meneley, Deaconesses; Rev. C. L. Bovard, Rev. H. G. Humphrey, Rev. John Chirgwin, Rev. A. D. Welch, Rev. G. D. Wolfe.

A. D. Welch was elected President, and John Chirgwin, Secretary. Dr. N. E. Davis, General Secretary of the Board of Hospitals and Homes was also present and gave us a most helpful suggestion.

The following disciplinary questions were asked and answered:

1. Has the standing of each Deaconess been approved? Yes.
2. Who have had their licenses renewed? Roxana Beck, Helen C. Piper, J. Leone Rice, Blanche L. Baker, Ethel Hancock, Montana Bane, Cora Meneley, Annabele Harper, May E. Davidson, Edith R. Ackerman, Augusta Nelson, and Dona Watts.
3. Who have been transferred and to what conference? Elta Reed to Idaho.
4. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? None.
5. Probationers in study of first year? None.
6. Probationers in study of second year? None.
7. Who have been consecrated as Deaconesses? Cora Frances Meneley.
8. Who have been elected associate Deaconesses? Ruth Robertson, Lyra E. Sanborn, her character passed.
9. Who have been re-elected Associate Deaconesses? None.
10. Who have been re-admitted? None.
11. Who are the retired Deaconesses? None.
12. Who have been granted leave of absence? Augusta Helikson, her character passed and license renewed.
13. Who have received honorable discharge? Miss Ida Hills, resigned her work and married.
14. Who have been discontinued? None.
15. Who have withdrawn? None.

We recommend that Bishop Burns transfer Mary Jeannette Burns, who is now working in Phoenix, Arizona to the Southern California Conference, Furthermore,

1. We recommend that the White Cross be organized in the state under the National White Cross Association with the Bishop and District Superintendent as advisory members.

a. That the State shall have a State Secretary-Treasurer and the District Superintendents, and Bishop shall designate where and how the funds raised in the State shall be expended.

b. All funds wheresoever raised within State shall be sent direct to the State Treasurer and expended in the State according to the direction of the State Council.

2. We recommend that each of our Pastors give their most hearty support to the State White Cross Secretary, co-operating with him in every way.

3. We recommend that the second Sunday before Thanksgiving be observed as Hospital Sunday on which a sermon shall be preached, urging gifts of materials and money for hospitals and nurse service be emphasized.

A. D. WELCH, President.

JOHN CHIRGWIN, Secretary.

Montana Deaconess School,

Current Income from August 1st, 1920 to July 31st, 1921.....	\$27,319.02
Current Expenditures	\$27,223.81

Balance on hand July 31st, 1921	\$ 95.21
Total enrollment	81
Average Attendance	75
Licensed Deaconesses	5
Associate Workers	7
Graduates	5

ROXANA BECK,
Principal.

Superintendent's Field Report

Dear Bishop and Brethren: Another year of toil and hardship; another year of triumphs and achievements has come to a close. At the last Conference the ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Church decided to put on a campaign for the building of the Brother Van Memorial, to be erected on the campus of the Montana Deaconess School. The first week in October of last year was the time set for the simultaneous campaign for the raising of \$100,000.00.

I am grateful to the brethren of the Ministry who threw themselves into the work during that week. Bishop Burns asked where he might go to be of greatest service at that time. The pastors who put on the campaign did well, but too many put the matter off until a more convenient time.

This State has passed through the hardest financial depression, perhaps, in her history. The man who won out this year was the one who worked harder because the times were hard.

Many times, I felt that the task was too hard and it could not be done. "Bro. Van" often said, "Anybody can quit." I thank God for what has been accomplished this year. In spite of hard times, we have had the best year in the history of our institution. We have completed our basement and paid for it at a cost of nearly \$20,000.00, and we have subscriptions amounting to \$33,000.00, payable between now and Christmas.

The Board of Trustees will let the second contract, which will be for the erection of the superstructure, when we have about one-half the amount of cash necessary for the payment of the same. The funds should be available this fall. Our crops, on the whole, are fair and the money situation is gradually improving, and the church and our little ones are entitled to their share.

The Corner stone was laid on Saturday morning, July 23rd, by the Grand Lodge of Masons in Montana. The Hon. Governor Joseph M. Dixon delivered a splendid address, as did also Grand Master, Dr. Hathaway of Glendive. The weather was fine, and thirty automobiles transported a goodly number from the city to the site of the new building. Governor Dixon said in part:

"Brother Van lived to see Montana change from a territorial wilderness, largely inhabited by wild beasts and savages, to a sovereign state with all the habilaments of modern civilization. He lived to see his own church organization take first place among the evangelical church organizations of this state."

We all admit the truth of this statement. "How did Methodism come to take first place in Montana?" First, Because of her religious fervor; and second, because she saw the need of Christian Institutions.

Montana will be weak or strong, according to the work and prayer we put, not only in our church life, but in our Christian Schools and Hospitals. Our people are willing, today, to give their money to develop this kind of work. I feel sure that within the next five years, the territory for subscriptions for the school will be greatly diminished. I know at this time of two factors who are working on plans for the erection of two large buildings for the carrying on of a similar work. While I think these other organizations will not measure up to the work being done in our school, yet they have their many friends, and my firm conviction is, that our territory and our list of subscribers will be cut in half. Brethren, this is our day. Shall we go forward and possess the land?

In my judgment, the psychological time for our church to go forward and complete this work is between now and Christmas. Our Campaign committee is willing to send the help necessary to any pastor in our state at any time he desires. Shall this be our program? Giving thanks to Almighty God for what has been wrought, I would also thank all those that in any way contributed to our success this year.

JOHN CHIRGWIN, Secretary.

At a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Montana Deaconess School held June 23, 1921, the reports presented by Miss Roxana Beck, superintendent and Rev. John Chirgwin Field Secretary, showed that the year just closed had been the best in the history of the school, that the sum of \$58,000 had been subscribed on the Van Orsdel Memorial building of which the sum of \$26,000 had been paid in cash.

Upon such a fine showing it was decided that the campaign for the balance of the funds needed to complete the building be pushed with all vigor and dispatch until Dec. 31, 1921 and that the two Montana conferences be urged to complete their full quotas, if possible by that date. Any pastor needing assistance of helpers, or literature should communicate with Rev. John Chirgwin and his wants will be supplied.

CHARLES D. CROUCH,
C. L. BOVARD.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**Montana Wesleyan College**

1. We record our hearty approval of the action of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension in establishing a school for Rural Pastors at our Montana Wesleyan College and urge that it be supported in every possible way.

2. We heartily endorse the movement to establish a Professorship of Rural Sociology at Montana Wesleyan, believing that it will awaken general interest in the rural Church work, and direct the attention of our young people to the value of community program and service.

3. We voice our deep appreciation to the Board of Education for their timely aid and special gift of \$7,500 to provide for necessary salary increase and the enlarged program of the College and make special appeal for a like gift the coming year, or until the campaign for endowment is made.

4. We recognize the imperative need for adequate endowment for Montana Wesleyan and go on record as favoring a campaign for this end in 1922-23.

5. We recommend that Wesleyan Day be observed in all our Churches on the Sunday following the week of prayer for colleges; and that a sermon be preached on Christian education and an offering taken for our school and the attention of our young people be directed to our Church schools.

6. After consultation with Secretary Harris of our Board of Education we recommend the reappointment of the committee on Unification of Educational interests in the State.

7. We recommend the following for Trustees of Montana Wesleyan College: Jesse Lacklen and J. V. Kohler, term to expire in 1924.

5 **Board of Education**

We are glad to learn that the Board of Education finds itself able to enlarge its work and to increase its aid to deserving students. We would call attention of our Pastors to the necessity of observing Childrens Day and taking the collection for the Students loan fund.

In view of the distressing conditions in several parts of our State, we appeal to the Board of Education for as large a grant for student loans as it may be possible for them to make this year.

We desire to express our great appreciation of the presence and helpful counsel of Dr. A. W. Harris, Secretary of our Board of Education at this years conference session, and we earnestly hope that he may soon visit us again.

We heartily approve the efforts now being made to provide for the religious welfare and care of our young people at our State Educational institutions.

The year at **Kimball School of Theology** has been one of success mingled with great sorrow. We desire to express our deepest sympathy in the death during this last year of President Dr. Henry James Talbott and also of Professor Edwin Sherwood D. D. We would also pledge to President Hickman our utmost loyalty in his efforts to build in this Northwest the kind of school we need.

The Kimball School of Theology at Salem and the Northwest Deaconess School at Seattle are each doing excellent work, but both are limited. We believe that the time has come for the establishment in this great Northwest of a well equipped School of religion which would give to the church an institution whose program of Religious Education and Training, would be far more adequate than that now offered by the existing schools.

We, therefore, recommend the appointment of a commission of three to meet with like commissions from the Idaho and North Montana Conferences and the Conferences of the Portland Area together with the Bishops of both Areas and the representative of the Board of Education to make a thorough study of the religious educational situation, and if deemed advisable to recommend the merging of the School of Theology and the Deaconess Training school into a school of Religion with departments for training of all types of Christian workers, to be established at such central location as will afford both opportunity for student self support and for practical training.

We further record our appreciation of the presence at this conference session as representing Kimball of Dr. J. D. McCormick.

We recommend the election of E. L. Mills and George Wolfe, as Trustees and of H. G. Humphrey as Visitor to Kimball.

We recommend that a **School of religious Education** be established at Montana Wesleyan for the Sunday School Board, the Commission on Conference Course of Study and the Home Mission Boards school for Rural Pastors jointly. The sessions to be held in June. The school to be under the management of a joint committee with the North Montana Conference, said committee to be made up of the Resident Bishop, the Chairman of the Boards of Examiners, the Sunday School Missionaries and the President of Montana Wesleyan College.

We also desire to give expression to our gratitude to our Beloved Bishop Burns for his expressed willingness to endeavor to make possible the attendance of our undergraduates at such a school.

We as a conference would record ourselves as heartily in favor of the Towner Sterling bill providing for a National Department of Education and urge our representatives in Congress to support the same. We also request Bishop Burns to convey this action of The Montana Conference to our Senators and Representatives at Washington.

G. D. WOLFE, Chairman,

A. D. WELCH, Secretary.

MONTANA WESLEYAN—REPORT OF PRESIDENT

With a keen realization of the right and the duty of the pastors and laymen of our Montana Conferences to inquire into and to know the work, progress, and aims of Montana Wesleyan College, I submit this, my second annual report to the Conference.

I do this the more cheerfully because from the very beginning Montana Methodism has stood squarely behind the building of a Christian College. During recent years of progress and achievement, Wesleyan has met with hearty response everywhere. Area and district leadership has freely given of time and effort. The Board of Education has given us every encouragement. Methodist young people are coming from our Methodist homes and churches to add their life and vitality to the school. These young people constitute the wealth of Methodism. In them centers our hope of a trained Christian leadership. Hence in a peculiar and emphatic way, our Christian College is a matter of deep concern and interest. In fact, the life of the Christian College is so closely related to the life of the Church that the progress of the one will most surely be reflected in the advance of the other.

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High Standard of Scholarship

During the year a high standard of scholastic effort was required of every student in attendance. Dean Lemon and Registrar Raymer

have emphasized in every way scholarly attainment. Chancellor Elliott of the State University, after a careful investigation, recommended to the State Department of Education that the Department of Education at Wesleyan be fully recognized and that the graduates from this department be granted State Teachers' Certificates. Let it be impressed upon our minds and emphasized among our people that scholarship at Wesleyan compares favorably with that of any institution in the west.

Wesleyan Accredited

While the collegiate standing of Wesleyan has been recognized by the University Senate of our Church, accrediting is also being sought in the North Central Association. To secure this it is necessary to have in operation eight departments, with at least eight teachers holding masters degrees. For a college of one hundred students the budget should not be less than \$30,000 with an endowment of \$400,000. In addition plant and equipment should total in value at least \$250,000. There also must be adequate library, laboratory, and class room facilities. While Wesleyan has some distance yet to go, especially in the matter of endowment, slowly but surely she is approaching these standards. Our present plant totals \$253,927.75 in value. For our one hundred sixty college and academy students, our budget totals \$35,000. We have eight departments and eight members of the faculty have their masters degree. During the past year the library, under the direction of Professor Raymer has been greatly enlarged until it now numbers over six thousand volumes. As soon as Montana Methodism can get squarely behind endowment and give the school adequate facilities and working budget, Wesleyan, relieved of financial embarrassment, will be able to take her rightful place among the colleges of our land and undertake courageously and effectively the great work of training a Montana Christian Leadership for Montana communities. An endowment campaign at the earliest possible moment is an imperative necessity. If conditions are favorable the fall of 1922 should witness a state-wide campaign for \$500,000 for Montana Wesleyan. Until adequate endowment is assured it is absolutely necessary that Montana Wesleyan Day be observed in all our churches. The general propaganda for Christian education should then be set forth, an offering be taken of one dollar per member, and the attention of our young people definitely directed toward Wesleyan.

It has been estimated that ninety per cent of our recruits for the ministry come from our denominational colleges. One hundred eighty-eight graduates from twenty of our Methodist institutions enter the ministry this year. Fifty-six go out to the foreign fields. An average of 18% for the year going into active Christian service from our Methodist colleges. This year Montana Wesleyan presents two fine young men, Carl Knudsen and Walter Wampler for ordination as Deacons.

Added Equipment and Campus Improvements

Beside the large additions to the library, added equipment has been purchased for the science department. The Chapel has been renovated at an expense of \$125.00. A fence has been built about the athletic field at a cost of \$1000.00, and new lockers and showers installed at a cost of \$450.00. New tennis courts have been constructed and campus improvements totaling over \$300.00 made. A street improvement district has been created and as soon as the bonds can be disposed of, Eleventh Avenue, leading to the college will be graded and boulevarded, trees planted, and lights installed.

Growth of the College

Nearly all of our larger high schools have their Junior college courses. It is either up to Montana Wesleyan to offer the advanced college courses or content hreself with merely a high school rating. The plan for full college work was formulated by Dr. Sweetland five years ago. The extension of the work is indicated in the fact that the student-body has doubled in that time, likewise the budget. I feel keenly that if we are to urge our young people to attend, it is incumbent upon us to offer adequate courses and efficient instruction. In 1916, fifteen students were doing college work; in 1917, the first year full college work was offered, there were 40; in 1918, war year, there were 33; in 1919, the number increased to 66, and during the past year to 78. A year ago the Senior class numbered three, this year seven, and the coming year there should be at least fifteen to graduate. In every high school in the State there is a new interest in Wesleyan. It remains to be seen whether or not Montana Methodism can meet the expectations of these young people. Despite financial difficulties, our one way out is straight ahead. Curtailment and retrenchment might possibly spell defeat at the very point where victory is to be found. The success of the endowment campaign will depend largely upon the service rendered. Eager young people, enthusiastic over the work offered at Wesleyan will go a long way toward insuring the success of a campaign for increased funds. Have we the courage and faith to go forward? This does not mean a rash expenditure of money. We must conserve in every way. As compared with other institutions, the annual budget at Wesleyan is extremely low. The College of Puget Sound, with but a few more students has a budget of \$52,000. Morningside added ten thousand dollars to her budget the past year for increase in teachers' salaries. The budget of Wesleyan, \$35,000 next to Gooding, is the lowest in the country, while the support accorded her by the friends of Christian education in the state is comparatively low.

Matters of Finance

This naturally leads us to the question of how our educational program is financed. It was apparent at the beginning of the year that the necessary increase in teachers' salaries, totaling nearly \$7,000 would make the budget unusually large. To meet the budget efforts were at once put toward securing every possible dollar of resource. \$12,530 was realized from tuition and special fees, \$4,278.00 was received in special gifts and collections. The profits from the dormitory and boarding department amounted to \$5,025. The regular sustentation received through the Board of Education from Centenary collections totaled \$5,348.19. Interest amounting to \$886.00 was received on the Deaconess School Bonds. Rent from Wesleyan apartments \$600. From the offerings taken in the churches on Wesleyan Day \$362.75 was sent in from the North Montana Conference and \$650.00 from the Montana Conference. The items of expenditure may be briefly summed up as follows: Administration \$5078; Faculty \$23,970; Office, Stationery and Advertising, \$1451; Maintenance, \$3,553; Interest and Taxes, \$1829; Supplies, \$1076; Total, \$36,957. The average salary at Wesleyan for a full time teacher is \$1605. The highest salary paid, \$2500, Lowest \$600. A special appeal was made to the Board of Education for additional help. Dr. Baker and Dr. Perry, western members on the Board pressed our claim, but the assistance of Bishop Burns proved the deciding factor. Out of \$45,000 at the disposal of the Board for special gifts, to secure \$7,500 for Montana Wesleyan and \$7,500 for Gooding may well be considered a fine Episcopal achievement. With this splendid help Wesleyan weathered the difficulties of the year. Efforts have been

made to secure assistance from the General Education Board. Bishop Burns has so clearly and urgently presented our need there is hope that this rich Board will come to our help. This Board makes a practice of assisting only well-established colleges. Hence the necessity again of securing full recognition.

Scholarships

The assistance of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension in granting war scholarships to those who saw service in the late war greatly aided some very deserving students. Nineteen young men were thus encouraged, \$2320 being granted Wesleyan for such scholarships. Because of drouth and financial conditions the Student Loan was drawn upon heavily, the Board of Education granting \$1290 to aid Wesleyan students. Several Y. M. C. A. scholarships, two Epworth League scholarships and several private scholarships assisted some hard pressed students in holding on to the end of the year. Churches and Sunday Schools might find it very profitable to offer scholarships to deserving young people who might not otherwise be able to attend. Daily we receive pitiful letters from young people in the drouth sections of the state, pleading for an opportunity to attend and **Work** their way. **We have already exhausted all the opportunities of work at the college and most of those offered in town.** We dare not promise more. There are at least twenty young people, anxious to come, **Willing to work for board and room,** if only the matter of **TUITION** can be arranged.

Plans for Enlarged Usefulness

Following the action of the North Montana and the Montana Conferences, efforts were successfully made to secure a School for Rural Pastors to be held at Montana Wesleyan. The Board of Home Missions, through Dr. Felton was interested and a school has been granted to open October third and last two weeks. A very able corp of instructors has been secured, consisting of Prof. Deich of Gooding, C. M. McConnell, in charge of Rural Sunday School work, Mary E. Samson, directors of women's work; Chas. E. Vermilya, rural evangelism; Prof. Dawber, Church building and equipment; Dr. Felton, Community Work; and Rev. F. W. Church, on Community programs. It is expected that a hundred men from the Montana and Dakota conferences will be in attendance.

Personal Labors

Beside the regular administrative work of the college, the president has endeavored to represent the college on the field, securing new students and making collections wherever possible. Eighteen charges have been visited in the North Montana Conference and twenty-two in the Montana Conference. Out of fifty-two Sundays thirty-seven have been spent on the field. Dormitory collections amounting to \$10,783.05 have been made. Collections and subscriptions toward the maintenance of the school totaling \$1500 have been secured. Fifty-nine young people have been interviewed and twenty-one advance registrations turned in. The president has assisted in revival meetings, in Epworth League Rallies, and during the Epworth League Institute conducted the Life Service class which brought him in direct touch with the choice young people of the state. By letter, information, addresses, newspaper publicity, glee club tours, and through the college paper, the Collegian, the aim has been to bring Montana Wesleyan to the attention and thought of the people of the state.

Conclusion

For the progress and welfare of the school certain definite aims must be kept in view. The present college standard and program should be maintained. A gymnasium with provision for science rooms and library should be our next building program. An endowment campaign for at least \$400,000 must be ventured as soon as business conditions warrant in 1922-23. A student body of two hundred fifty students should be ours the coming year. Above all, to make our college and keep our college vitality Christian. These high and holy aims are before us. To develop, build up, and maintain a Christian educational institution worthy of our young people, worthy of our church, and worthy of our state is the challenging task upon us. Let us remember that Wesleyan is our college, for the development of our boys and girls and for the training of Christian leadership for our churches and communities. Only as the church, pastor, and people stand squarely behind the college is success possible. Certain recommendations growing out of the study of our educational work have been submitted to the Conference Board of Education and will later appear in their report to be acted upon by the Conference.

I wish personally to thank Bishop Burns and all who have aided in making the year a successful one for the generous offerings given in a large number of our churches, and for the opportunity so freely extended me of presenting the claims of the school.

C. M. DONALDSON.

EPWORTH LEAGUE

Recognizing the importance of our young people and the value of the Epworth League, we recommend that League work be promoted on every charge. We most heartily commend the program of the State Epworth League. We urge every chapter to send a delegation to the State Institute. We appreciate the visit of Dr. J. W. Taylor representing the Central Office, and that of Dr. Clifford, Dean of Institute, who represented the State work.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

We rejoice in the great work being done by the Board of Foreign Missions in laying plans for the conquest of the world, and its great appeal to the possible workers with a Gospel that is more potent than ever before.

We are very glad for the unified appeal for benevolences made possible by the Centenary, and we hope that care will be taken to prevent a return to the miscellaneous special appeals of Pre-Centenary days. To obviate such appeals we urge all our Churches to pay in full Centenary pledges, thus making possible the completion of the building program designed for the Foreign field.

HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION

The action of the Conference Board of Home Missions and Church Extension during the year has aimed to express the plans and purposes of the Parent Board as related to our local program and enterprises. We register our genuine appreciation of the kindly attitude of the parent society toward our appeals and their constant interest in our work. That the generous treatment of the general Board shown our churches during the period of diminished crops and financial depression may be fairly and honestly dealt with we record our conviction that pastors and people should unite in an effort to speedily reduce the amount of money used for pastoral

maintenance so that the assistance needed to further our building program may be available. We desire to express our appreciation to Dr. C. E. Vermilya, Superintendent of the Frontier Department of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension. During the Conference year we enjoyed a visit from him, and he became conversant with our needs, and manifested a deep interest in our work. We welcome him here to the seat of our Annual Conference. We would not forget our own Bishop, Charles Wesley Burns, his delightful fellowship, fine brotherly spirit and deep interest in our work. During the year the Conference Board has acted upon the following applications:

RECEIPTS

Received during the Conference year as follows:

For Maintenance: October 6th.	\$ 4168.75
January 22nd	4125.00
April 17th	4125.00
July 18th	4125.00
Special Maintenance: May 4th	80.79
May 27th	566.90
Total.....	\$17,191.44

Received for Church Extension Purposes etc.

Donations:

1920. Sept. 4th, for Grace Church, Butte.....	\$ 500.00
Sept. 8th, for Miles City	780.00
1921. Feb. 2nd, for Hardin Church	1000.00
Feb. 21st, for Three Forks	750.00
Mar. 10th, for Ashland Church	550.00
April 13th, for Laurel Church	500.00
May 5th, for Clyde Park Church	300.00
May 10th, for Wibaux Church	500.00
May 20th, for Grace Church, Butte	500.00
July 21st, for Ashland Church	450.00
July 25th, for Twin Bridges	500.00
Total.....	\$6330.00

For Butte District: Amount	\$2250.00
For Yellowstone District	4080.00
Total.....	\$6330.00

On July 26th, the Conference Board recommended a loan of \$3000.00 to the Mountain View Church	\$ 3000.00
Maintenance	17191.44
Donations	6330.00
Grand Total.....	\$26521.44

F. C. FULFORD.

BUILDING PROGRAM

Butte District

Hamilton—Community Project	\$ 500.00
Philipsburg	250.00

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Donan—Remodeling parsonage	500.00
Oakes St. Helena,—new Church	1000.00
Total estimated appropriation.....	<u>\$2250.00</u>

Yellowstone District

Hardin	<u>\$2500.00</u>
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Attested by
 CHARLES WESLEY BURNS,
 Bishop.
 CHAS. RHODES,
 Secretary of Conference.

CONFERENCE STEWARDS

Income

For Annuity Distribution:

Book Concern Dividend	\$ 639.00
Chartered Fund Dividend	35.00
Part of Support paid by the Churches	3215.00
Income from Conference Investments	183.00

For Necessitous Distribution:

Board of Conference Claimants' Dividend	600.00
Part of Support Paid by Churches	349.00
Total	<u>\$5021.00</u>

Distribution

On Annuity Basis:

9 Preachers, 268 years at \$11.50 per year	\$3000.00
9 Widows, 124 years at \$11.50 per year	1424.00
1 Child, 3 years at \$11.50 per year	34.00

On Basis of Necessity:

Preachers	200.00
Widows	149.00
Paid apportionment to Chicago office	134.00
Total	<u>\$5021.00</u>

APPORTIONMENT FOR NEXT CONFERENCE YEAR

Amount necessary to pay full legal annuity claims (including \$134, Chicago)	\$8874.00
Estimate of amount necessary for necessitous cases	350.00
Total amount required to meet all claims in full.....	9224.00
Deduct: Total income from Dividends and Investments, figured on basis of this year's receipts	1458.00
Remainder: Amount to be apportioned by Board of Stewards and raised by pastoral charges	7776.00

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Distribution to Preachers

	Years	Annuity Paid	Special Aid	Total Paid
A. P. Morrison	43	\$494	.....	\$494
John Hosking	24	276	.....	276
Andrew Kershaw	30	345	.....	345
S. A. Oliver	32	368	.....	368
J. A. Badcon	25	287	.....	287
G. D. King	23	264	.....	264
Jacob Mills	31	Relinquished		
W. H. Calvert	32	368	.....	368
Wilder Nutting	22	253	.....	253
E. A. James	37	425	\$200	625

Distribution to Widows

	Years Allowed Three-Fourths	Annuity Paid	Special Aid	Total Paid
Mrs. Cordelia Lowry	11	\$126	.....	\$126
Mrs. Clara Ware	26	299	.....	299
Mrs. Ida Hall	7	80	.....	80
Mrs. Allan Rodger	10	115	\$149	264
Mrs. L. H. Mickel	12	138	.....	138
Mrs. C. P. Adams	15	172	.....	172
Mrs. Isia B. Miller	6	Relinquished		
Mrs. J. W. Tait	21	241	.....	241
Mrs. J. M. Whiteley	6	69	.....	69
Mrs. S. E. Snider	16	184	.....	184

Distribution to Children

Name of Parent	Name of Child	Age of Child Last Birthday	Father's Effective Years	Years Allowed One-Fourth	Annuity Paid	Special Aid	Total Paid
Mrs. Elizabeth Whiteley	Robert Whiteley	6	41	3	34	....	34

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

A survey of the Conference shall be made by the Sunday School Board, under the immediate direction of our Sunday School Missionary.

A partial survey of our field discloses the need for concerted and intense attention to the Sunday School problem of our Conference. The following facts are disturbing:

(1) Only about 25% of our Sunday Schools have departmental or class organization.

Not more than 15% have any planned and systematized program.

(2) Only a very small percentage of our churches are conducting teacher training classes.

(3) A careful study of proper methods of child evangelization is greatly needed by our conference.

(4) Not half of our Sunday Schools are giving regular Missionary training and taking the monthly Missionary offering.

(5) At least 29 new Sunday Schools should be organized this fall. We urge every possible cooperation with our Sunday School Missionary in this Extension work.

In view of these facts and because of the supreme and fundamental importance of Sunday School work. We propose and project five Sunday School Institutes during October or November at Glendive, Billings, Livingston, Butte, and Missoula. We request the Sunday School Board to provide a strong faculty.

We request a ten day summer school at Helena next June if possible.

TEMPERANCE

Grateful to Almighty God for the victories over the liquor traffic, we pledge ourselves with renewed energy and devotion to the cause of law and order.

Be It Resolved, that the Montana Conference pledge itself to the president of the United States and the Governor of Montana in every effort to uphold the law of the land.

Be It Resolved, that we earnestly urge our constituency to use every effort at their command to secure the election of men to the House and Senate of Montana who will favor the enactment of laws to assist the Government in upholding the adopted policy of prohibition.

Be It Further Resolved, that we ask Congress of the United States to refuse all efforts to liberalize or weaken the Volstead Law. We further ask that necessary amendments be made to the Volstead Law to carry out fully the spirit and letter of the Constitution of the United States.

We heartily endorse the program of the Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals of the Methodist Episcopal Church, including the erection of Methodist headquarters in the Nation's Capital, the work of the W. C. T. U., and that of the Anti-Saloon League of Montana, and urge our constituency to give their unstinted support to these organizations.

We further endorse the plan as outlined by the Anti-Saloon League of America for World-Wide prohibition of the liquor traffic.

RESOLUTIONS

First and foremost we desire to express our heart-felt thanks to Almighty God that we are privileged to have as our guiding hand, Bishop Charles Wesley Burns, a leader, who by his every act, word and deed, invites our fellowship. His deep devotion to the cause of Christ gladdens our hearts and makes us feel the significance attached to our calling as Ambassadors of the Christ.

We wish also to thank Dr. Geo. Bickley Burns for his inspiring address, which coupled with his sweet spirit and winsome personality caused our hearts to flame anew with holy zeal for the work of the Master.

We commend the Trustees of Montana Wesleyan College for their announced purpose of building an Episcopal residence upon the College campus.

We most heartily commend Dr. Edward Laird Mills for his effort in bringing the Pacific Advocate up to its present state of efficiency, for the wide range of subjects covered, and the fearless manner in which existing evils are attached.

We heartily commend the Congress and the President for their action in convening the Disarmament Conference at Washington D. C., November 11th, and we urge that Sunday, November 6th be observed in all our Churches as Universal Peace Sunday.

We wish to thank Mrs. Bovard for the gracious manner in which she presided at the piano during the Conference Sessions making the singing of the old hymns a real inspiration.

We wish to thank the daily papers for the space given to our proceedings, also to Brothers Paul M. Adams and Carl Knudsen for the very efficient manner in which they discharged their duties as Conference reporters.

Our sincerest thanks are given to Brother and Sister Hardie and all the members and friends of the Church in Miles City for the many courtesies shown us, making our sojourn in this City one of genuine pleasure, not forgetting the delightful drive, the sumptuous banquet and the grand time we so much enjoyed at Pine Hills, made possible by the Ladies Aid Society.

Our stay in Miles City has been made so delightful by such gracious hospitality, that this Conference will be an occasion long to be remembered.

(C) SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society

It is a well recognized fact by those familiar with conditions on the foreign fields, that only women can minister to the needs of women in a non-Christian land. Upon this fact the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society places its claim for existence. For more than fifty years this Society has been recognized by the Methodist Episcopal Church as the agent of the Church to raise up a trained Christian womanhood from among the women of non-Christian lands. Its activities are evangelistic, educational and medical. We desire to express our appreciation of the splendid work of the W. F. M. S. of our Conference, not large in numbers but doing real things, the support by the Mountain View Church, Butte, of Dr. Phoebe Ferris, who is in charge of our Mrs. Wm. Butler Memorial Hospital in Baroda, India, and help given by other charges to workers on other fields. We commend this Society for its noble work, and recommend that each pastor in our Conference cooperate with this organization.

(d) TREASURERS

TREASURER CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Montana in Account with Jacob Mills Treasurer

Aug. 20 /20	Balance on hand C. C. Fund	\$2680.38	
Sep. 7	Paid C. E. Cunningham, Treasurer Board of Stewards	125.00	
			\$2555.38
Aug. 20 /21	One year's interest at 5% to date.....	\$ 127.38	
	Total C. C. Funds	\$2682.76	
	White Sulphur Springs Parsonage Fund,		
	Balance	\$ 434.38	
Aug. 20 /21	One year's interest at 5% to date.....	21.70	
			\$ 456.08
	Paid revenue stamp for deed .....	.50	456.58
	East Gallatin Parsonage Fund, balance....	80.51	
Aug. 20 /21	One year's interest at 5% to date.....	4.03	84.54
	Ovando Parsonage Fund, balance	606.95	

Aug. 20 /21	One year's interest at 5% to date	30.35	637.30
	Bozeman Church mortgage note (Yellowstone District parsonage fund).....	2840.30	
Dec. 4 /20	Check for a/c interest accrued.....	42.60	
Dec. 8 /20	Sent same to H. G. Humphrey D. S.....	42.60	
	Salesville Church, sold		
6-11 /21	Check from Yergey & Yergey balance....	390.25	
7-6 /21	Check sent to W. L. McDowell, Ch. Ex. Bd.	\$ 390.25	

(c) MISCELLANEOUS

LAY ELECTORAL CONFERENCE

Held at Miles City, Montana, August, 26th, 1921

The Lay Electoral Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church met in Miles City, Montana, on the 26th day of August, 1921, at 10:30 A. M.

The meeting was called to order by Rev. J. Lacklen, who acted as temporary chairman. Meeting proceeded to organize by electing a chairman, and secretary.

Nominations for a Chairman were called for, Messrs. W. E. Stevens and J. C. Borgers were nominated, on motion duly made, seconded and carried the nominations were declared closed.

On vote by ballot, W. E. Stevens received nine votes and J. C. Borges, seven, the temporary Chairman declared W. E. Stevens elected, and surrendered the chair.

The chairman then called for the nomination of a secretary, C. F. Gillette, was nominated, on motion duly made, seconded and carried the nominations were declared closed, and that he be declared elected by unanimous vote of all present.

A prayer was then offered by Dr. E. Laird Mills at the request of the Chairman.

A motion was duly made, seconded and carried that the chair appoint a credential committee of three. The Chair appointed Mr. O. B. Gentry, Mrs. J. F. Brophy, and Mrs. S. M. Starr, the meeting then recessed for ten minutes to allow the credential committee to examine the credentials.

Credential committee reported that they had examined the credentials and the following persons were duly accredited delegates.

J. C. Borgers, Missoula; Earl C. Bell, Wibaux; Mrs. W. F. Peters, Sidney; W. E. Stevens, Forsyth; D. W. Watsabaugh, Laurel; Boyd Filmore, Ashland; F. M. Harlan, Reed Point; Ainslee Potter, St. Paul's Church, Helena; E. J. Blackwood, Billings; A. Tolle, Mt. View Church, Butte; Mrs. W. W. Peck, Baker; C. F. Gillette, Hardin; Mrs. Etta, Sorenson; Glendive; Mrs. J. M. Wallace, Park City; Mrs. S. M. Starr, Fairview; Mrs. J. F. Brophy, Red Lodge; O. B. Gentry, Sheridan.

It was duly moved and seconded that Mr. Midgett, of Sumatra, Mont., be recognized as a duly accredited delegate, motion carried.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried, the chair appointed A. Tolle and J. C. Borgers as tellers.

A vote by ballot was then taken on the rejection or adoption of Amendment No. 1. Eighteen votes were cast as follows: For the adoption of the Amendment 4; Against the adoption of the Amendment 14.

A vote was then taken on the adoption or rejection of the Amended Amendment, eighteen votes were cast as follows: For the adoption of the Amended Amendment 18; Against the adoption of the Amended Amendment None.

A vote was then taken on the adoption or rejection of Amendment No. 2. Eighteen votes were cast, as follows: For the adoption of the Amendment 18; Against the adoption of the Amendment None.

A vote was then taken on the adoption or rejection of Amendment No. 3. Eighteen votes were cast as follows: For the adoption of the Amendment 17; Against the adoption of the Amendment 1.

Rev. E. Laird Mills then called the attention of the meeting to the fact that the Pacific Advocate was advocating a disarmament day to arouse public sentiment before the meeting of the conference at Washington D. C.

A resolution was then offered that The Lay Conference of Montana, indorse the action of the Pacific Advocate, on motion duly made, seconded and carried, the resolution was declared adopted.

No further business coming before the meeting, on motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was declared adjourned.

W. E. STEVENS,
Chairman.

Attest:

C. F. GILLETTE,

Secretary.

XI Plan of Conference Examinations

John A. Meeke, Chairman, Hardin; Thomas Hardie, Registrar, Miles City.

For Admission on Trial—

Examiners, A. D. Welch, Fred Whitford.

Doctrines and Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church—F. Whitford.

American History—James and Sanford. A. D. Welch.

Life of Wesley—Winchester, A. D. Welch.

(a) Plain Account of Christian Perfection—Wesley, F. Whitford.

(b) Selections from the Writings of John Wesley—Welch, F. Whitford.

A Bible Biography. Not less than one thousand words upon one of the following subjects, using only the materials found in the Bible. The Life of Moses, The Life of David, The Life of Jesus, The Life of Paul—A. D. Welch.

A written Sermon—F. Whitford.

First Year—

New Testament History—Rall, George Reid.

Evangelism—Thomas Miller.

The Making of a Sermon—Pattison, G. Reid.

The Art of Writing English—T. Miller.

Human Behavior—Colvin and Bagely, T. Miller.

Collateral Reading and Study—

The Pastor Preacher—Quayle.

Citizenship and Moral Reform—Langdale. } G. Reid

The Main Points—Brown.

Francis Asbury—Tipple. } T. Miller

Wesley's Sermons—Vol. I.

Second Year—

(a) Dictionary of the Bible (1 Vol. Edition)—Hastings, Edward Smith.

(b) The Bible in the Making—Smyth, Edward Smith.

History of the Christian Church—Walker. (Omit pages 1-4). Edward Smith.

(a) The Pupil and the Teacher—Weigle, E. D. Swisher.

(b) The Graded Sunday School in Principle and Practice—Meyers. E. D. Swisher.

The Christian Pastor—Gladden. E. D. Swisher.

Collateral Reading and Study—

The Christian View of the Old Testament—Eiselen. } Edward Smith

How to Teach Religion—Betts.

The Church in the City—Leete.

History of Methodism, (Vol. L.)—Stevens. } E. D. Swisher

Life of Luther—McGiffert.

Wesley's Sermons—Vol. II.

Third Year—

Beacon Lights of Prophecy—Knudsen. Thomas Hardie.

Foundations of Christian Belief—Strickland. E. C. Bartlett.

Introduction to the Study of Sociology—Hayes. T. Hardie.

The Religions of Mankind—Soper. E. C. Bartlett.

Neely's Parliamentary Practice—T. Hardie.

Collateral Reading and Study—

Studies in Christianity—Bowen.

The Church and Industrial Reconstruction— } T. Hardie

History of Methodism Vol. II—Stevens. } ~~W. L.~~

Life of Phillips Brooks (briefer edition)—Allen.

Modern Premillennialism and the Christian Hope—Rall. } E. C. Bartlett

Methodist Review.

Fourth Year—

Paul and His Epistles—Hayes. Paul Adams.

System of Christian Doctrine—Sheldon (omit part I and Appendix). P. Adams.

The Five Great Philosophies of Life—Hyde. J. G. Ross.

The Book of Isaiah (Vol. I-II)—Smith. J. G. Ross.

Collateral Reading and Study—

Missionary Morale—Miller.

The Methodist Review—

Outline of Christian Theology—Clarke.

History of Methodism (Vol. III)—Stevens. } J. G. Ross

Good Ministers of Jesus Christ—McDowell. }

The requirements and suggestions of the Directions and Helps must be strictly adhered to in all of the courses of study by examiners and candidates, especially with reference to written work.

Local Preacher's Course—

John A. Meeke.

Local Deacon's Orders—

E. C. Bartlett, Thomas Hardie.

Local Elder's Orders—

J. A. Meeke.

NOTES FOR EXAMINERS AND APPLICANTS

1. Each examiner is required to send to the Chairman a list of questions not later than October 1, 1920.

2. Each candidate will notify the Chairman when ready to pass on any book.

3. The persons conducting an examination will send the candidate's answers to their respective examiners, and the questions back to the Chairman.

4. Each examiner will send three (typewritten, if possible) copies of questions to Chairman, retaining one copy for himself, and after examining the papers submitted by candidate will forward grades to the Registrar.

5. It shall be the duty of the undergraduates desiring to present credit for any subject pursued in school, or Conference, to confer with the examiner before Conference, stating the subject for which he desires credit and to present satisfactory evidence of his standing in the same before the Board of Examiners at its annual meeting at the seat of Conference.

6. Local preachers will apply directly to John A. Meeke, Hardin, for information and questions on that course.

7. After the opening session of Conference no candidate will hereafter be admitted to examination.

8. Examiners will keep account of postage expense and submit same to board at annual meeting.

9. Read carefully what the Discipline says, relating to Conference examination. (Appendix, Chapter 8).

10. Write all sermons, essays, and answers to questions neatly with ink on one side of the paper.

11. Examinations must be taken before a member of the Examining Board or some member of the Conference appointed by the Chairman. Candidates appointed to remote charges are requested, as far as possible, to arrange to take their examination during the visits of the Superintendent.

12. The Secretary of the Conference is instructed to pay bills incurred by the Chairman and Registrar for the typewriting and postage necessary in the preparation and transmission of examination questions.

XII

Memoirs

REV. S. E. SNIDER



Reverend Samuel E. Snider died at 10 A. M. July 18th, 1921, at the National Soldiers' Home, Southern Branch, located at Hampton, Virginia.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret Ann Snider (nee Hickman), one son, Emory Wesley Snider and five grandchildren, all of McKeesport, Pa., and by five sisters living in various sections of the West.

Reverend Samuel E. Snider was born in Preston County, West Virginia on June 8th, 1847. His parents, Samuel Wesley Snider and Margaret Snider were both Christians and active Methodists from their youth up to a good old age and died in the faith.

He enlisted in the Fourth West Virginia Cavalry of which his Father was Colonel and his brother Captain. He served nine months as a bugler to the close of the Civil War, when he was honorably discharged.

He then turned his steps to the then new West, Iowa—his father and family soon following. They located on prairie land in Winneshiek County, Iowa.

In 1868 he entered the M. E. church and was licensed to preach in 1871. In 1872 was admitted on trial in the Upper Iowa Conference. In 1873 he was married to Miss Maggie A. Hickman by Reverend Samuel Henderson, Presiding Elder of Cedar Rapids District, Iowa. In 1875 he was admitted into full connection and ordained Deacon; in 1877 was ordained Elder. He itinerated in Iowa for eight and a half years, was very successful as an evangelist with many converts and additions to the church.

In 1881 he was appointed by the M. E. Missionary Society as Missionary to the Sioux Indians and to establish an Industrial Boarding School at Fort Peck, Montana, which he did and was successful in spite of much opposition by renegade whites. Nevertheless the Lord was on his side and the school was filled with 68 Sioux Indian boys and girls—every department in successful operation in less than four years.

In 1885 Reverend Snider was transferred to the Montana Conference and assigned to a charge at Miles City where he served acceptably four years and was made a presiding elder of the Helena District comprising a good part of Montana and a part of the State of Idaho. As a presiding elder he served four years and then returned to the pastorate serving several years. In 1894 he was appointed missionary to the Navajo Indians at Fort Defiance, Arizona. On August 21st, 1895 he was suddenly smitten by a terrible and deadly nerve trouble and was by his doctor's advice retired on sick leave to a lower altitude. Improving he again returned to his post and again the trouble increased. He was released and again returned to the Montana Conference in 1896 and assigned to a mountainous charge where the ailment increased and he was compelled to give up the work.

Physically unfit for further service Reverend Snider returned to Pennsylvania but was always hopeful that sometime later he could return to the work he loved.

For the last few years he has been an inmate of the National Soldiers Homes—first entering the Soldiers Home at Dayton, Ohio and later about a year ago he was transferred to the Southern Branch, Soldiers Home at Hampton, Virginia. There he answered the Roll Call on July 18th, 1921, at 10 A. M.

He was of a cheerful disposition, made friends wherever he was and had the friendship and respect of old and young and gained and held the confidence of the Indians during his association with them.

Reports from the management of the Home were good. At the Home in Dayton, Ohio his comrades called him "Chaplain".

He has **Passed on** and we are on the way and hope to meet him in the sweet bye and bye.

MRS. A. D. RALEIGH

Henrietta Raleigh, widow of the late Dr. A. D. Raleigh of the Montana Conference, departed this life November 30, 1920, at her home in the City of Helena.

Many years she had gone up and down the ways of the pastorate with her husband, doing the many duties regularly falling to the mistress of the parsonage, leaving impressions for righteousness in the lives of those with whom she came in touch.

Many of the substantial men and women in our Churches at both St. Paul's, Helena, and Bennett Memorial Church of Missoula, were given early training in the Christian ways by this Christian woman. After her husband's death she lived in Helena, lonely, but ever ready to go forward in the Christian work, and only when ill-health forbade regular activities, did the Church of her delight fail to see her; even at this period she could be found in her room on the Sabbath day engaged in regular form of worship. Mrs. Raleigh was a charter member of our W. H. M. S., and also a member of the W. C. T. U. In fact she stood ever as the stalwart friend and worker for the highest Christian ideal. Though summoned suddenly, she was ready to go; for many months, in her physical weakness, she told her friends she loved life in this world, but it was all right whenever the final call would come. The funeral service was held in St. Paul's, Helena, December 5th, the pastor Dr. Crouch presiding. Dr. and Mrs. Bovard, who had perhaps the longest acquaintance with Mrs. Raleigh, made the addresses at the service, after which the form of this Christian friend was borne to the cemetery and placed beside her husband, awaiting the eternal Messenger's words: "It is morning".

Frederick Spellmeyer Whitford was born September 8, 1909 in Helena, Montana. Four years of his life were spent in Whitehall, three in Red Lodge, four in Huntley, and the last three months of his life in Forsyth. He had never been strong and robust. When a child a spell of pneumonia followed by other complications, left him a severe handicap in a long struggle for health. He grew tall but was frail and weak, yet his mind was keenly active. He realized his condition, and talked of going home to heaven as though he were planning an earthly journey. Not many days before his death he directed where and to whom his toys and play things were to be given, and then wished his little savings account to be given to the

hungry children of Europe. On Saturday evening, January 8th, at 9 o'clock he passed peacefully away. The funeral was held in the Methodist Church, Forsyth, January 10th. The sincere expression of sympathy by the people of Forsyth with Brother Whitford and family were evidence of the place little Freddie had won in their hearts.

The body was taken to Butte for burial, where a brief service was held. Bishop Burns and about fifteen of the members of this Conference were present.

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Roll of the Dead

OUR HONORED DEAD

Name	Joined Mont. Conf.	Died	Place of Burial
1—Adams, C. P.	1912	1914	Sumatra
2—Bennett, J. W.	1887	1913	Missoula
3—Berk, Alexis	1896	1896	Unknown
4—Canfield, Wm.	1891	1892	Virginia City
5—Clampitt, H. P.	1887	1888	Butte
6—Comfort, George	1887	1908	Lanesboro, Pa.
7—Duncan, Hugh	1887	1887	Sheridan
8—Garvin, Thomas	1893	1901	Loyalton, Cal.
9—Hall, Marion J.	1887	1905	Los Angeles, Cal.
10—Hall, William	1887	1898	Pine Creek
11—Jenkins, G. W.	1888	1901	Philipsburg
12—Lowry, Phillip	1888	1896	Anaconda
13—Mickel, L. H.	1892	1910	Bozeman
14—Miller, C. F.	1897	1909	Billings
15—Raleigh, A. D.	1887	1908	Helena
16—Rodger, Allan	1891	1904	Great Falls
17—Snider Samuel E.	1885	1921	Virginia
18—Snyder, Wm. E.	1889	1915	Roseburg, Ore.
19—Taft, H. S.	1889	1899	Columbia Falls
20—Tait, J. W.	1889	1918	Anaconda
21—Van Scoy, Thomas	1898	1901	Helena
22—Ware, I. S.	1904	1915	Bozeman
23—Warman, Henry	1892	1903	Glendive
24—Whiteley, Jno. M.	1909	1919	Glendive

In case of misinformation, corrections will be welcomed by the Secretary.

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Conference Sessions

ROCKY MOUNTAIN CONFERENCE

Yr.	DAY	PLACE	BISHOP	SECRETARY
1872	August	2 Salt Lake City, Utah..	Foster	J. M. Jameson
1873	July	31 Salt Lake City, Utah..	Peck	D. G. Strong
1874	August	13 Salt Lake City, Utah..	Bowman	D. G. Strong
1875	August	12 Salt Lake City, Utah..	Haven	D. G. Strong
1876	July	27 Helena, Mont.....	Harris	F. A. Riffin

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1877	August	2 Bozeman	Bowman	L. W. B. Long
1878	August	2 Virginia City	Andrews	Hugh Duncan
1879	July	3 Butte	Merrill	W. C. Shippen
1880	July	23 Virginia City	Wiley	George Comfort
1881	July	21 Helena	Wiley	George Comfort
1882	July	21 Bozeman	Hurst	George Comfort
1883	August	15 Butte	Wiley	George Comfort
1884	September	25 Helena	Fowler	George Comfort
1885	July	9 Dillon	Walden	George Comfort
1886	July	8 Bozeman	Harris	W. A. Shannon

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1887	August	17 Butte	Foster	W. A. Shannon
1888	July	12 Missoula	Joyce	George Comfort
1889	July	4 Helena	Goodsell	George C. Stull
1890	July	24 Livingston	Vincent	George C. Stull
1891	July	20 Great Falls	Bowman	George C. Stull
1892	August	4 Anaconda	Walden	George C. Stull
1893	August	10 Bozeman	Fowler	George C. Stull
1894	August	9 Butte, Mountain View	Joyce	Phillip Lowry
1895	August	22 Helena, St. Paul's	Ninde	Phillip Lowry
1896	August	13 Dillon	Warren	Phillip Lowry
1897	August	13 Butte, Trinity	Cranston	George D. King
1898	August	11 Anaconda	Mallalieu	George D. King
1899	August	9 Livingston	Joyce	George D. King
1900	August	8 Helena, St. Paul's	Fowler	George D. King
1901	August	7 Missoula	Fowler	George D. King
1902	August	7 Bozeman	Merrill	L. H. Mickel
1903	August	13 Livingston	McCabe	L. H. Mickel
1904	August	24 Butte, Grace	Berry	L. H. Mickel
1905	August	16 Dillon	Moore	L. H. Mickel
1906	August	16 Billings	Cranston	L. H. Mickel
1907	August	21 Anaconda	Moore	George D. King
1908	August	20 Miles City	McDowell	George D. King
1909	August	25 Butte, Mountain View	Spellmeyer	C. E. Miller
1910	August	24 Helena, St. Paul's	McIntyre	George D. King
1911	August	21 Billings	Nuelsen	Edward L. Mills
1912	August	21 Missoula	Luccock	Paul M. Adams
1913	August	20 Bozeman	Luccock	Paul M. Adams
1914	August	26 Forsyth	Luccock	Paul M. Adams
1915	August	18 Butte	McConnell	Paul M. Adams
1916	August	16 Livingston	Cooke	Paul M. Adams
1917	August	22 Billings	Hamilton	Paul M. Adams
1918	August	21 Dillon	Shepard	Jno. M. Whitley
1919	August	20 Glendive	Cooke	Charles Rhodes
1920	August	25 Helena, St. Paul's	Burns	Charles Rhodes
1921	August	24 Miles City	Burns	Charles Rhodes

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Miscellaneous

GOVERNING LAWS

Articles of Incorporation of the Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Montana

EXHIBIT "A"

"Resolved That the Trustees of this Conference, to-wit: L. H. Mickel, S. A. Oliver and Jacob Mills, be and are hereby authorized to incorporate this Conference, and for that purpose to file with the proper officer articles of incorporation, as required by law."

We, the President and Secretary of the Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Montana, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Montana, at a regular meeting thereof, held in the city of Helena, Mont., on the twenty-sixth of August, 1910, and we do further certify that said resolution was adopted by the unanimous vote of the members of said Conference then present.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands, this twenty-sixth day of August, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and ten.

ROBERT McINTYRE, President.

Attest: GEO. D. KING, Secretary.

State of Montana, County of Lewis and Clark—ss.

We, L. H. Mickel, S. A. Oliver and Jacob Mills, Trustees of the Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Montana, do by these presents, pursuant to and in conformity with the laws of the State of Montana, and pursuant to, and as authorized by a resolution, duly passed and adopted by said Conference, certified copy of which resolution is hereto attached marked "Exhibit A", and hereby referred to as and made a part thereof, and for the purpose of incorporating said Conference agree upon and adopt the following:

Articles of Incorporation

First: The name of said corporation is hereby declared to be THE CONFERENCE OF THE METHORIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF MONTANA.

Second: The purposes for which said corporation is organized are to supervise, superintend and promote the organization, co-operation, activities, maintenance, and work of local churches and organizations of the Methodist Episcopal Church within the boundaries and jurisdiction of said Conference as now established, and as the same may from time to time be established, changed, modified, and maintained; to maintain, carry on, and conduct the preaching and dissemination of the gospel of Jesus Christ within the boundaries and jurisdiction of said Conference, and throughout the world, and to that end co-operate with other conferences, associations, and institutions; to establish, erect, maintain, carry on and conduct and aid in establishing, erecting, maintaining, carrying on, and conducting schools, colleges, universities, hospitals, and other eleemosynary, benevolent, charitable, and religious institutions and enterprises; to receive devises, bequests, legacies, donations, and funds and accept and discharge trusts and agencies for or on behalf of, or in aid of, any and

all such or similar institutions, enterprises, and causes, and generally to do and perform any and all things that may be convenient or proper in promoting, maintaining and furthering all benevolent, charitable, and religious works, enterprises and measures authorized or that may be authorized by the general or local laws, rules, and regulations of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and to purchase or otherwise acquire, and to sell, or otherwise dispose of, and encumber such property, real, personal, and mixed, as may from time to time be necessary, proper, or convenient for the purpose or any of the purposes aforesaid.

Third: The number of trustees of said corporation for the first year of the corporate existence of such corporation is three.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We hereunto set our hands the twenty-sixth day of August, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and ten.

L. H. MICKEL,
S. A. OLIVER,
JACOB MILLS.

State of Montana.
County of Lewis and Clark.

On this twenty-sixth day of August, in the year nineteen hundred and ten, before me, Messena Bullard, a Notary Public for the State of Montana, personally appeared L. H. Mickel, S. A. Oliver, and Jacob Mills, known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Notarial Seal, the day and year in this certificate first above written.

MASSENA BULLARD,

Notary Public for the State of Montana, residing at Helena, Mont. My commission expires January 23, 1912.

BY-LAWS OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF MONTANA

Article I.

The Board of Trustees—The Board of Trustees, after the first year, shall number not less than three nor more than seven, all of whom reside within the bounds of the said Conference and shall be over twenty-one years of age, a majority of whom shall be members of the said Conference; the minority shall be lay members of the said church; all of whom shall be chosen by the Annual Conference of the said Church. The financial and secular business of the corporation shall be under their management.

Article II.

Officers of the Board of Trustees—The officers of the Board of Trustees shall consist of a President, Secretary, and Treasurer, all of whom shall be elected annually by ballot at the first meeting of the Board of Trustees after election of members by the Annual Conference and whose term of office will terminate at the election and qualification of their successors.

Article III.

Duties of Officers—Section 1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside when present at all meetings of the Board of Trustees, appoint committees, call special meetings of the Board of Trustees as occasion may require, sign orders on the Treasurer for the payment of money and during the interim between meetings have general sup-

ervision of the affairs of the Board of Trustees, and to execute all legal papers on behalf of the corporation as provided by law.

Sec. 2. The duties of the Vice-President shall be to preside at all meetings of the Board of Trustees in the absence of the President and perform all other duties of the President in his absence.

Sec. 3. The duties of the Secretary shall be to keep a correct journal of the proceedings of all meetings of the Board of Trustees in a record book provided for that purpose and to take charge of and preserve all papers and documents belonging to his office, and to attest all legal papers of the corporation. He shall deliver to his legal successor or to the Board of Trustees when requested all books and papers of the corporation. He shall deliver to his legal successor or to the Board of Trustees when requested all books and papers in his possession belonging to said Board.

Sec. 4. The duties of the Treasurer shall be to receive and take charge of, under the direction of the Board of Trustees, all moneys received by the corporation and to pay out the same on the order of the President. He shall also keep an account of all moneys received by him, showing from what source received, and of all moneys paid out by him and render a full report of the transactions of the financial condition of his office to the Board of Trustees at its annual meeting, and at such other times as he may be directed by said board. He shall furnish, if required, by the Board of Trustees, before receiving any of the funds of the Conference, a fidelity bond in such amount as the Board of Trustees may direct from time to time, to cover the faithful performance of his duties. These bonds shall be made payable to the Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Montana, and shall be executed by some responsible bonding company approved by the Board of Trustees, and the cost of said bonds shall be paid by this corporation. All moneys received by the Treasurer shall be deposited forthwith by him in some bank or other institution of deposit, subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees and he shall furnish a certified duplicate certificate of deposit to the chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees for each deposit as soon as made.

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STATISTICAL TABLES 1921

STATISTICIAN'S REPORT—BUTTE DISTRICT—MONTANA CONFERENCE FOR 1921

STATISTICIAN'S REPORT—BUTTE DISTRICT—MONTANA CONFERENCE FOR 1921														
MINISTERIAL SUPPORT														
List No.	NAME OF CHARGE	NAMES OF PASTORS	Support of pastor			Support District Supt.		Support of Bishops		Support Conf. Cl'm'nts		Total Paid for Minist'r'l Sup.	Tot'l Defic'ncy	Local Preachers, No. on Charge..
			Total Inc. Rent	Claim House	Val. of P'rs'n'ge	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid	Claim				
1	Anaconda	Charles F. Wolfe	2300	2300	500	180	180	41	41	108	108	2629	240	2
2	Avon	William Koehler	300	60		10	10	2	2	3	3	72		
3	Big Blackfoot	Samuel Fletcher		270			27		6		16	319		
4	Butte: Grace	Charles Rhodes	2000	2000	450	155	155	31	31	93	93	2279		4
5	Italian Mission	F. C. Fulford				97	72	19	14	58	43	1149	295	2
6	Mount Bethel and Wesley	W. A. Parkinson	1270	1020	300	300	300	60	60	180	180	4140		
7	Mountain View	J. O. Randall	3600	3600	600	120	120	24	24	72	72	1716		
8	Trinity	W. H. Pascoe	1500	1500	300	140	140	28	28	84	84	1952		
9	Unity and Silver Bow	F. C. Fulford	1700	1700	300	30	30	6	6	18	18	354		
10	Clancy and Jefferson	W. C. Wampler	300	300	480	200	200	40	40	120	120	2840		
11	Dillon	Edward Smith	2480	1400	200	120	120	24	24	72	72	1616		2
12	Dillon Circuit	Edward Smith	1400	1400	240	120	120	24	24	72	72	1656		1
13	Drummond and Hall	Thomas H. Barker	1440	1440	240	80	80	18	18	48	48	1186		
14	Hamilton and Sula	Thomas Miller	1040	1040	240	240	240	54	54	144	144	3138		
15	Helena: Oakes Street	A. E. Plummer	2700	2700	300									1
16	St. Paul's	Charles D. Crouch	1220	820	220	100	60	20	12	60	36	928	472	2
17	Lolo Circuit	Mrs. Ida Amelia McAllister	3000	3000	500	250	250	50	50	150	150	3450		1
18	Meadow Creek	Louis Ortmyer	800	800	100	70	70	14	14	42	42	926	40	1
19	Missoula	Jesse Lacklen	1600	1600	120	140	100	30	30	75	75	1730	107	1
20	Philipsburg	Fred Anstice	600	540	360	60	30	12	15	36	26	611		1
21	Ronan	R. L. Glasgow	1510	1510		115	115	23	23	69	69	1707		1
22	St. Ignatius	William S. Tester	900	900	200	90	90	21	21	54	54	1065	24	
23	Sheridan and Ruby	C. E. Cunningham	920	920	200	72	72	14	14	43	43	1049		
24	*Stevensville	P. D. Hartman	1250	1250	250	100	100	20	20	60	60	1406		
25	Superior and Alberton	L. E. Simes	900	900	300	60	60	12	12	36	36	972	716	
26	Thompson and Plains	Ernest Mills	1900	1295	300	160	99	36	36	96	60	1476	55	
27	Three Forks	W. G. R. Dann	650	612	200	40	40	20	22	24	15	667	249	
28	Townsend and Radersburg	John A. Smith	1600	1450	450	100	70	20	13	60	48	1581	63	
29	Twin Bridges	Fred T. Spencer	39180	37644	6910	3174	2975	651	626	1890	1776	12907	2261	17
30	Whitehall	Carl Knudson	36945	36395	6740	2919	2811	606	584	1730	1617	10451	1682	22
31	Winston and Marysville		2235	1249	170	255	164	45	42	120	159	2456	579	5
Totals for 1921														
Decrease														
Increase														

Note—Stevensville is federated with the Church South, and this report is for one-half of the Charge.

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RECEIVED—MONTANA CONFERENCE FOR 1921

STATISTICIANS REPORT—BUTTE DISTRICT—MONTANA CONFERENCE FOR 1921.																				
NAME OF CHARGE	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP				Sunday Schools			Epw'rth League		Church Property					List No.					
	Baptisms	Pred. Mem.	Full Members		Deaths during Yr.	Sunday Sch'ls.	Officers and Teachers	Total Enroll- m't all depts.	Av. Attendance All Grades.....	Senior Mem- bers.....	Junior Mem- bers.....	Church Bldgs...	Estimated Val. Land & Bldgs	Parsonages		Estimated Val. Land & Bldgs.	Paid for bldg & Imp. on Chs. & Parsonages	Paid on old in- d'bt'dn'ss, Chs & P'rs'n'ges....	Pr's'nt Debt on Churches and Parsonages	Current Ex- penses
			Now on Roll	Received during yr.																
Anaconda	18	15	10	32	226	108	2	1	28	263	145	21	18	1	6500	400	1400	2100	1621	1
Avon	1	1	6	6	12	4	1	1	2	23	16	30		2	7000	693	1500		305	2
Big Blackfoot	1	1		6	11		1	1	16	58	148	27		1		325			30	
Butte: Grace	1	23	2		102		1	1	4	40	15			1	1250	150			192	1
Italian Mission	11		14	14	77	52	4	2	30	195	115	45		1	5000	3500		125	4500	7
Mt. Bethel & Wesley	35	15	18	18	599	60	5	1	45	720	294	41	85	1	2500	418			350	8
Mountain View	14	18	6	30	139	10	1	1	23	241	140	60	65	1	19000	1500	100	25	2500	9
Trinity	26	50			130	11	1	2	25	330	190	20		1	17000	300			500	10
Unity & Silver Bow	5	10	42	50	214	50	2	1	30	307	155	34	25	1	1200	200			50	11
Clancy & Jefferson	5	10	3	1	75		1	1	6	60	30	12	18	1	2000	275			2700	12
Dillon Circuit	1	3	3	7	120	5	1	2	20	147	85	20	50	1	2500				2256	13
Dillon and Hall	4	7	5	7	380	41	3	1	12	172	68	22		1	2500	220			1411	14
Drummond and Sula	9	7	12	15			6	1	30	360	170	62		1	40900				4638	15
Hamilton and Oakes St.	9	7																		
Helena: Oakes St.	9	7																		
St. Paul's	9	7																		
Lolo Circuit	9	6	4	8	38	4	4	3	12	135	80	51	32	3	2000				963	16
Meadow Creek	6	29	20	25	538	30	2	2	48	704	365	51	20	2	5000	500			6000	17
Missoula	2	9		11	44			1	13	159	61	35	15	1	1000	1850	51		1026	18
Philipsburg	14	16	23		81	14		2	16	180	93	35		2	2350	200			1850	19
Ronan	6	16	12	16	24	23	1	3	15	155	85	38	25	1	3000	100			1026	20
St. Ignatius	6	16	12	14	45	5		2	12	110	50	38		2	1100	125			1850	21
Sheridan and Ruby	1	1		2	138	10	1	1	18	80	75	12	62	1	2500	70			662	22
*Stevensville	1	3			36	4		2	16	158	105	48		1	4000	105	325		2007	23
Superior and Alberton	1	1			26	15		1	8	89	48	22		1	2000	135	100		1101	24
Thompson and Plains	1	1			68	18		2	1	190	95	24		1	1500	500			1099	25
Three Forks	1	1			42	10		2	15	204	105	12		1	3000	700			1656	26
Townsend & Radersburg	4	14	20	32	50	10		2	24	173	150	25	31	2	23000	135	100		1128	27
Twin Bridges	1	1			42	18		1	1	190	95	24		1	2000	500			1600	28
Whitehall	4	14	20	32	50	10		2	24	173	150	25		1	2000	700			757	29
Winston & Marysville	8	14	20	32	50	10		2	24	173	150	25		1	2000	700			2336	30
Totals for 1921	71	270	252	199	253	337	486	30	46	513	577	294	504	47	63500	12501	3476	2250	43819	31
Totals for 1920	86	270	115	419	339	3600	368	42	50	504	548	290	402	49	84850	15960	2119	6625	21042	32
Increase	15	0	137	120	86	226	118	8	4	9	71	248	4	2	78		1357	4375	22777	33
Decrease	5	1	220	86	226															34

Local Preachers No. on Charge		Tot'l Defic'ncy		Total Paid for Minist'r'l Sup.		Support Conf. M'm'ts		Support of Bishops		Support District Supt.		Support of pastor		NAMES OF PASTORS	NAMES OF CHURCHES		
						Paid		Paid		Paid		Rental Val. of P'rsn'ge					
						Claim		Claim		Claim		Total Inc. Rent				Paid House	
												Total Claim House					
1	Alzada Circuit	W. K. Ridenour	600	520	300	30	10	6	22	6	30	300	600	520	H. M. Cooper	1	
2	Ashland and Birney	H. E. Chappell	1300	1300	300	100	100	22	30	22	100	300	1300	1300	Fred Whitford	2	
3	Baker	Geo. D. Wolfe	3500	3500	500	300	300	65	65	65	300	500	3500	3500	A. T. Peck	3	
4	Billings	S. F. Langdell	164	164		16	8				16		164	164	John G. Ross	4	
5	Bloomfield	R. P. Smith	2900	2900	400	250	250	56	56	56	250	400	2900	2900	J. A. Meeke	5	
6	Bozeman	E. D. Swisher	2320	2320	420	190	190	43	43	43	190	420	2320	2320	Gerard J. S. Abels	6	
7	Bridger and Fromberg	C. E. Fenton	1500	1210	300	120	91	27	20	20	91	300	1500	1210	W. C. Smith	7	
8	Clyde Park	James Hughes	480	480	180	30	14	6			30	180	480	480	H. W. Woods	8	
9	Comanche Circuit														O. G. Ponath	9	
10	Edwards Circuit														H. A. James	10	
11	Fairview														Thomas Hardie	11	
12	Forsyth														A. T. Peck	12	
13	Fish Tail Circuit														F. M. Latham	13	
14	Glendive														A. T. Peck	14	
15	Hardin														A. C. Bartlett	15	
16	Huntley Circuit														Daniel Halford	16	
17	Ingomar Circuit														A. D. Welch	17	
18	Joliet Circuit														W. H. Calvert	18	
19	Laurel														Cecil G. Hannan	19	
20	Livingston																
21	Miles City																
22	Park City																
23	Pine Creek																
24	Reed Point																
25	Red Lodge and Circuit																
26	Richey Circuit																
27	Sidney																
28	Wibaux																
29	Wilsall																
30		Totals for 1921	42107	39747	7360	3500	3241	770	685	2091	1806	44688	2730	15			
31		Totals for 1920	36197	35457	6795	2844	2647	537	491	1535	1386	39961	943	9			
32		Increase	5910	4290	565	656	594	233	194	556	420	4727	1787	6			
33		Decrease															

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1	Butte	C. L. Bovard	39180	37644	6910	3174	2975	651	626	1890	1776	42907	2261	17
2	Yellowstone	H. G. Humphrey	42107	39747	7360	3500	3241	770	685	2091	1806	44688	2730	15
3			81287	77391	14270	6674	6216	1421	1311	3981	3582	87595	4991	32
4		Grand Totals for 1921	73142	71582	13535	5763	5458	1143	1075	3305	3003	80112	2627	37
5		Grand Total for 1920	8145	5809	735	911	758	278	236	676	579	7183	2366	1
6		Increase												
6		Decrease												

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List No.	NAMES OF CHARGES	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP				Sunday Schools			Ep'w'rth League		Church Property									
		Baptisms		Prep. Mem.	Full Members		Sunday Sch'ls..	Officers and Teachers	Total Enroll- m't all depts.	Av. Attendance All Grades.....	Senior Mem- bers	Junior Mem- bers	Church Bldgs....	Estimated Val. Land & Bldgs.	Parsonages	Estimated Val. Land & Bldgs.	Paid for bldg & Imp. on Chs. & Parsonages	Paid on old In- d'bt'dn'ss, Chs. & P'rs'n'ges....	Pr's'nt Debt on Churches and Parsonages	Current Ex- penses
		Adults Baptized	Children Baptized		Bap. Ch'ld'n under inst..	Received during yr..															Now on Roll	Full M'b'rs on Roll	Non-resid'nt Members....	Deaths during Yr.
1	Alzada Circuit		1	2		19	1	2	9	35	25		2	5000	2	220	550			530
2	Ashland and Birney	2	14	2		60	4	3	24	265	154		1	300	1	2800	154			1428
3	Baker	5	40	40		955	5	1	45	1060	345	1	1	80000	1	5000	500	200	7900	4141
4	Billings		5			15		3	11	90			1		1	950				172
5	Bloomfield	3	12			392	4	1	23	250	136		1	12500	1	2000	600			4500
6	Bozeman	5	1	1		93		3	37	252	167		1	12000	1	2500			500	3107
7	Bridge & Fromberg	1	2	2		35	8	1	6	60	30		1	1500	1	3500			1700	1461
8	Clyde Park		1			35	8	1	5	45	35		1	1800	1	1200	14			519
9	Comanche Circuit					35														
10	Edwards Circuit																			
11	Fairview	3	6	13		117	1	4	35	320	220		1	3600	1	1300	339	210	400	1722
12	Forsyth	3	4	31		102	1	1	15	165			2	5500	1	3000				1838
13	Fish Tail Circuit					7		1	4	40	20		1	1200	1					308
14	Glendive	34	15	37		221	1	2	33	332	213		1	2500	1	4000	258			6020
15	Hardin	22		50		200		3	28	340	250		1	9000	1	9000	276	2474	4050	3937
16	Huntley Circuit	8	10	20		92	1	4	48	321	174		3	11250	1	2500	150		304	1317
17	Ingomar Circuit	14	10	12		65		2	11	110	85		1	1500			100			773
18	Joliet Circuit	11	22	19		56		3	37	192	150		2	5600						1164
19	Laurel		3	2		70		1	17	119	77		1	10000	1	2000	800	1200	500	1901
20	Livingston	7	10	11		268	3	1	14	268	140		1	15000	1	2000				3089
21	Miles City	10	38	16		260	1	1	30	400	285		1	70000	1	8000		4000	4500	7000
22	Park City			1		25	2	1	8	108	60		1	3000	1	1200	165			656
23	Pine Creek		4	3		63		2	25	137	66		1	3500	1	3000		237		2576
24	Reed Point	4	10	6		25		1	5	40	30		1	1200						314
25	Red Lodge & Circuit		35	2		149		3	22	255	130		3	6000	1	3000	178			2463
26	Red Lodge	3	6			32		2	10	95	70		1	1000	1	1000	250		170	1379
27	Richey Circuit	1	7	11		127	1	1	14	134	88		1	2000	1	6000	64	479	1300	4605
28	Sidney	6	13	9		60		1	15	99	60		1	5000	1	1500			1950	1164
29	Wibaux			7		78		3	33	252	105		1	1750		250				1594
30	Totals for 1921	142	269	266	29	3621	634	52	564	5794	3115	525	33	271700	23	67900	4398	8563	23511	59688
31	Totals for 1920	138	141	413	21	3689	605	38	480	4863		608	31	221350	22	59450	14861	2920	29292	29719
32	Increase	4	128	147	8	68	29	14	84	931	3115	83	2	50350	2	8450	5643			29969
33	Decrease																10463		5781	

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1	Butte	71	270	252	199	253	3374	486	30	46	446	47	303700	27	63500	12501	3476	2250	43819
2	Yellowstone	142	269	140	266	217	3621	634	29	52	262	33	271700	23	67900	4398	8563	23511	59688
3	Grand Total for 1921	213	539	392	465	470	6995	1120	59	98	708	80	575400	50	131400	16899	12039	25761	103507
4	Grand Total for 1920	224	411	217	832	521	7289	973	63	87	650	80	517200	51	144300	30820	5039	35917	50761
5	Increase		128	175			147				58		58200				7000		52746
6	Decrease	11			367	51	294			79		1	12900	1	12900	13921		10165	

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List No.	NAME OF CHARGE	Disciplinary Benevolences					Benevolences								Other Cash Items					List No.		
		Centenary	B'd Edu. Child- ren's day fund	Woman's For. Miss. Society	Woman's Home Miss. Society	Total Dis. Benevolences	Edu. End'wm'ts Bldgs. etc.	Hospital	City Mission'ry	Sust. Fund	Near East Re- lief	Mont. Deac'n'ss School	Miss. Policy Epw.* League	Other Benevolences	Total Benevolences	Support of Dist. Supt.	Support of Bishops	Support Conf. Claimants	Bd. Ep. League		Gen. Conf. Ex.	Gr. Ttl. Inc. D. and A. Conf. Ben., etc.
1	Anaconda	1120	11	125	105	1361	482	462			87	56	26		1057	180	41	108	17		2764	1
2	Avon	30				30									56	10	2	3			101	2
3	Big Blackfoot	100	5			105	2650			35					2685	27	6	16			2839	3
4	Butte: Grace	933	9		11	953	20	511			47			10	588	155	31	93			1820	4
5	Italian Mission																					5
6	Mt. Bethel and Wesley	263	4	2		269	63	5			23				91	72	14	43		18	507	6
7	Mountain View	2800	20	1645	252	4717	185	275	875		22		10	460	1795	300	60	180			7052	7
8	Trinity	240	5			245	405				12		15		437	120	24	72			898	8
9	Unity and Silver Bow	200	3		1	202	299			22					326	140	28	84			780	9
10	Clancy and Jefferson	142	8	197	23	1153	2755	26						137	2918	200	40	120		8	4439	10
11	Dillon	925																				11
12	Dillon Circuit																					12
13	Drummond and Hall	646	10	3		659	120	107			200			5	432	120	24	72	2	5	1314	13
14	Hamilton and Sula	582	3	112		697	10	2047							2057	120	24	72	2		2972	14
15	Helena: Oakes Street	548	12			560	97				271		42		97	80	18	48			803	15
16	St. Paul's	3707	20	401	230	4358	8735	2100							11148	240	54	144		12	15956	16
17	Lolo Circuit																					17
18	Meadow Creek	52	5			57	5				54			143	202	60	12	36			367	18
19	Missoula	3622	20	209	290	4141	2219		185		440		125	111	3080	250	50	150		8	7679	19
20	Philipsburg	250	3	5		258	10								10	70	14	42		8	402	20
21	Ronan	50	8			58	75								75	100	30	75			338	21
22	St. Ignatius	180				180	47								47	30	15	26			298	22
23	Sheridan and Ruby	413	3			416	58	612							670	115	23	69			1293	23
24	Stevensville	860	6			866	150		49		150	677			1026	90	21	54	4		2061	24
25	Superior and Alberton	205	6			211	18				61	100			161	72	14	43			501	25
26	Thompson and Plains	313	3	37		353	38								18	100	20	36		3	530	26
27	Three Forks	149				149	38								38	60	12	36			295	27
28	Townsend and Radersburg	234				234	30					87			117	99	22	60			532	28
29	Twin Bridges	125	4			129	123				16				139	40		15			323	29
30	Whitehall	268	6		3	277	18	448							466	100	13	48			904	30
31	Winston and Marysville	240	62			302	69								69	25	8	13			417	31
32	Totals for 1921	19197	236	2737	915	23085	17915	7376	875	291	1383	920	218	866	29844	3005	626	1776	23	62	58423	32
33	Totals for 1920	22277	164	2196	758	26345	14119	318				7243	220	969	22886	2811	569	1607	29	96	54345	33
34	Increase		52	541	157		3796	7058	875	291	1383	6323			6958	194	57	169			4078	34
35	Decrease	4030				3260								103					5		33	35

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List No.	NAME OF CHARGE	Disciplinary Benevolences				Benevolences										Other Cash Items				Gr. Ttl. Inc. D. and A. Conf. Ben., etc.....	
		Centenary	B'd Epw. Child- ren's day fund	Woman's For. Miss Society....	Woman's Home Miss Society..	Total Dis. Benevolences..	Edu. End'wm'ts Bldgs., etc.....	Hospital	City Mission'ry	Sust. Fund.....	Near East Re- lief	Mont. Deac'n'ss School	Miss. Policy Epw. League..	Other Benevolences..	Total Benevolences..	Support of Dist. Supt.....	Support of Bishops	Support of Co. Cl'm'nts	Bd. Ep. League		Gen. Conf. Ex.
1	Alzada																				472
2	Ashland and Birney	244	2	17		263									27	100	22	60			8112
3	Baker	3536	44	436	414	4430	171	2211		622	50			63	3117	300	65	180	20		
4	Billings																				2154
5	Bloomfield Circuit					1204					250				399	250	56	150	95		1215
6	Bozeman	1018		186		673		87		109					196	190	43	114			270
7	Bridge and Fromberg	673				105										91	20	54			22
8	Clyde Park	105				8										14					
9	Comanche Circuit	8																			563
10	Edwards Circuit					187	60	110							193	100	23	60		7	1000
11	Fairview	187	15			550		107						98	205	130	30	78			34
12	Forsyth	535																			3533
13	Fish Tail Circuit														1479	240	54	144		6	1100
14	Glendive	1547	14		49	1610	1132	56		15	228	16	48	69	85	210	47	126		3	385
15	Hardin	600	15	17		632										90	13	36			148
16	Huntley Circuit	219	24			243										35	20	54			343
17	Ingomar Circuit	95				95										90	20	54			534
18	Joliet Circuit	163	16	72		179										35	20	54			2523
19	Laurel	264	16			352										90	20	54			2249
20	Livingston	264	16			352										3	130	12	37		176
21	Miles City	1084	5	221		1310	440			252	101	75			868	180	45	108	12	21	898
22	Park City	1356	155		63	1574	10			10					161	270	54	162	7		24
23	Pine Creek	50				59									30	55	11	30			24
24	Reed Point	506	7			513		9			51		42		102	140	31	84	28		252
25	Red Lodge and Circuit	170				170										45	10	27			96
26	Richy Circuit		4			4										50	20				2442
27	Sidney	295	12			307	1790			33					22	50	36	96	20		516
28	Wibaux	363				363									7	80	18	48			400
29	Wilsall	187	12			199	9								9	105	24	63			961
30	Red Lodge	714	10			724									120	120	27	72	8	10	30423
31	Totals 1921	13919	351	949	526	15745	3612	2659		313	1332	391	90	329	8726	233	686	1806	170	67	37474
32	Totals 1920	14465	51	1015	509	15957	3699	12284				777	90	209	16864	2608	4911	1380	43	105	
33	Increase		300		127		113			313	1332			120		625	195	426	127	38	7051
34	Decrease	546		66		212		9625				386			8138						

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1	Butte	19197	236	2737	915	23085	17915	7376	875	291	1383	920	218	866	29844	3005	626	1776	24	62	58423
2	Yellowstone	12919	351	949	526	15745	3612	2659		313	1332	391	90	329	8726	233	686	1806	170	67	30423
3	Totals for 1921	32116	587	3686	1441	38830	21527	10035	875	604	2715	311	208	1195	38570	6238	1312	3582	194	129	188846
4	Totals for 1920	37692	215	3211	1177	42302	17618	12602				8020	310	1178	39750	5419	1060	2999	72	201	91799
5	Increase		367	471	264	3909			875	604	2715	6709		117		819	252	583	22		
6	Decrease					3472		2567							1180					90	9953



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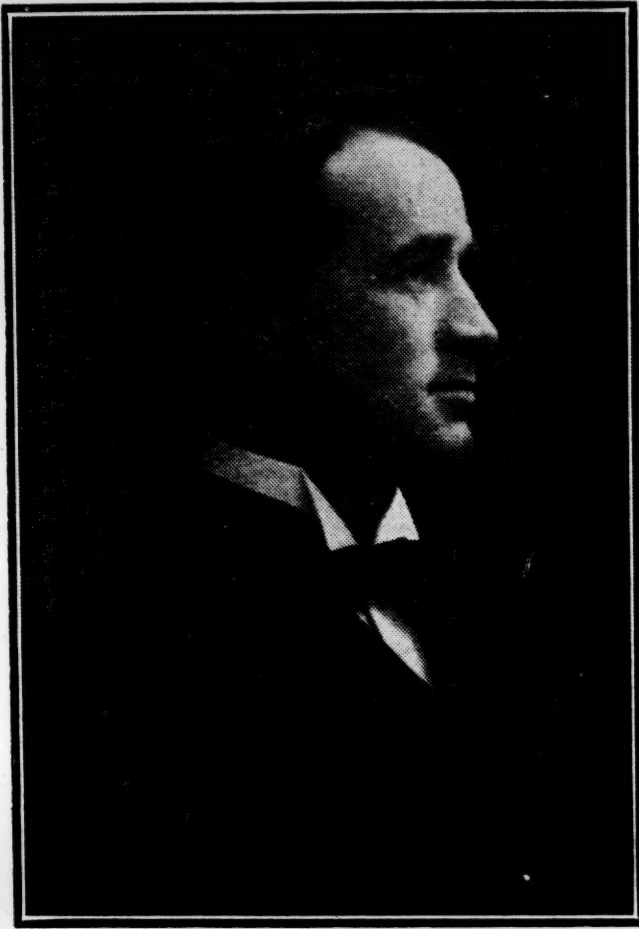
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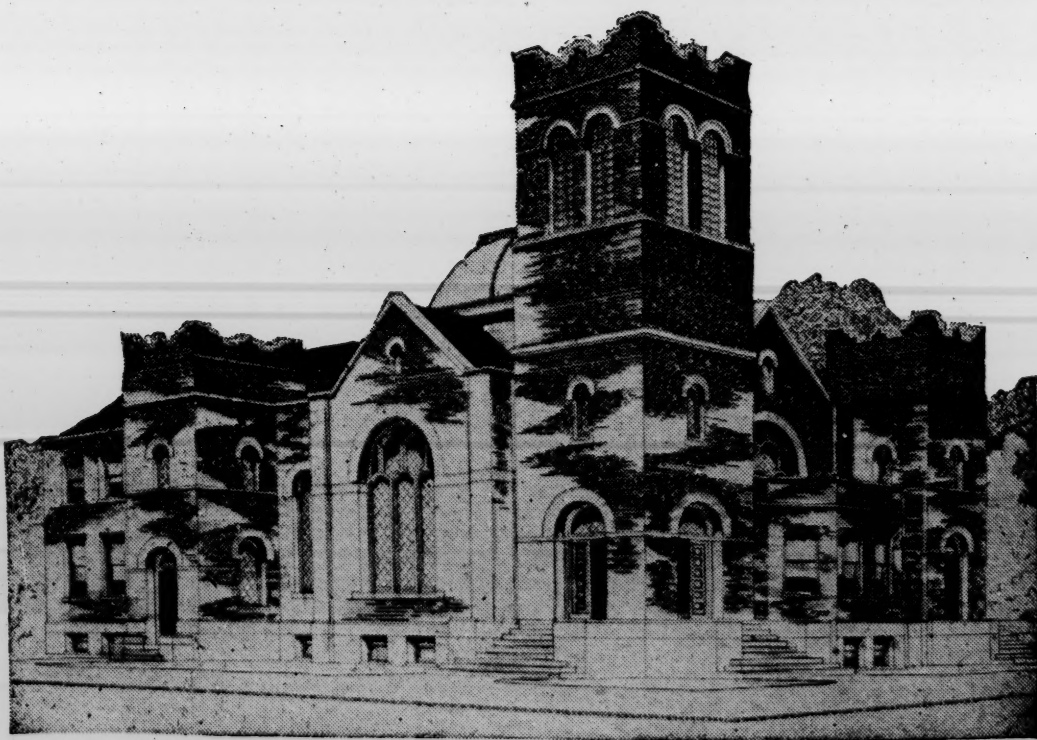




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I. CONFERENCE ROLL AND DIRECTORY

EFFECTIVE ELDERS	Address	Admitted on Trial in an Annual Conference.		Received into Full Membership		Years Supernumerary	When Ret'd.
		Where	When	Conference	When		
Adams, Paul M.	Helena	Montana	1902	Montana	1904		
Barker, Thos. H.	Three Forks	Montana	1904	Montana	1906		
Bartlett, Edw. C.	Anaconda	Upper Iowa	1902				
Bovard, Charles L.	Helena (Dist. Supt.)	S. E. Indiana	1884	S. E. Indiana	1886		
Carleton, Ralph	Ronan						
Chappell, Harry E.	Bridger	Puget Sound	1911	Montana	1918		
Chirgwin, John	833 Broadway, Helena	Montana	1905	Montana	1907		
Clifford, C. L.	315 North Montana, Butte						
Crouch, Charles D.	Billings	Montana	1899	Montana	1901		
Cooper, Harry M.	Townsend	Des Moines	1908				
Cunningham, C. E.	Sheridan	Arkansas	1886				
Dann, W. G. R.		Puget Sound	1910	Montana	1916		
Davis, Percy	Baker						
Donaldson Chas. M.	Helena	Minnesota	1905				
Edgington, R. C.	Billings (Dist Supt.)						
Fulford, F. C.	Red Lodge	Montana	1908	Montana	1910		
Greer, Walter L.	Wilsall	Montana	1914	Montana	1922		
Haldeman, Allan	Drummond						
Hardie, Thomas	Miles City	Montana	1910	Montana	1912		
Holtzinger, Horace K.	Livingston						
Humphrey, H. G.	12 S. Ewing, Helena	St. Louis	1901				
Kletzing, Russell R.	221 Wheaton Ave., Wheaton, Ill.	Wyoming State					
Lacklen, Jesse	Missoula	N. Ohio	1907	Montana	1911		
Latham, F. M.	Fairview	S. Illinois	1905	So. Illinois	1907		
Lee G. C.	Whitehall						
Mecklenburg, George	Area Office, Helena	N. Montana	1911				
Mecke, John A.	Hardin	Montana	1904	Montana	1906	Three	
Miller, Thomas	Hamilton	N. Montana	1912	Wisconsin	1914		
Mills, Edward L.	Artisans Bldg., Portland Ore.	Montana	1902	Creditentials			
Papa, J. M. A.				Montana	1913		
Pascoe, W. H.	Seattle, Wash.	St. Louis	1895	Creditentials	1903		
Ponath, O. G.	(Pine Creek) P. O. Livingston	(M. E. South)		Montana			
Reid, George	Stevensville	N. Dakota					
Rhodes, Charles	Thompson Falls	Missouri	1916	Montana	1918		
		England	1899	Montana	1911		
		Creditentials	1908				
Ross, John G.	Glendive	N. Montana	1908	Montana	1913		
Smith, Edward	Dillon	Columbia River	1893				
Smith, R. P.	Bozeman	Montana	1895	Montana	1898		
Smith, W. C.	(Ingomar) P. O. Forsyth	Columbia River	1896	Columbia River	1898	Three	
Stull, G. C.	U. S. Army	New Jersey	1882	Orig. Member			
				Montana	1887		

Spencer, F. T.	971 N. Main St., Butte	Montana	1904	Montana	1908	.....
Swisher, E. D.	Laurel	Cent. Illinois	1910	Montana	1913	.....
Welch, Arthur D.	Billings	Upper Iowa	1899	Upper Iowa	1901	.....
Whitford, Fred	Forsyth	Montana	1907	Montana	1909	.....
Wolfe, Chas. F.	715 E. Second St., Butte	Montana	1913	Montana	1915	.....
Wolfe, Geo. D.	Billings	Indiana	1880	.....	.....	.....
SUPERNUMERARY						
Linger, F. O.	.....	Montana	1909	Montana	1912	Five
Stephens, G. J.	.....	N. Dakota	1908	.....	.....	Five
RETIRED						
Badcon, J. A.	3216 W. 67 St., Seattle, Wash.	Nebraska	1880	West Nebr.	1885	Five
Calvert, W. H.	Wibaux, Mont.	Kentucky	1887	.....	.....	1915
Hosking, John	Deer Lodge, Mont.	Mont. Mission	1884	Orig. Member	.....	1911
Kershaw, Andrew	Kent, Wash.	Iowa	1874	Montana	1887	Three
King, Geo. D.	Whitehall, Mont.	Cent. Illinois	1880	Iowa	1876	.....
Mills, Jacob	Helena, Mont.	Mont. Mission	1882	Orig. Member	1887	.....
Morrison, A. P.	1107 W. 47th St., Los Angeles, Cal.	.....	.....	Montana	1887	1914
Nutting, Wilder	Waluga, Oregon	Mont. Mission	1883	Orig. Member	.....	1911
Oliver, S. A.	Route 4 Boise, Idaho	Detroit	1884	Montana	1887	1920
UNDERGRADUATES						
Fourth Year						
Anstice, Fred	Philipsburg	Montana	1916	Montana	1922	.....
Ortmayer, Louis L.	Huntley	Montana	1918	Montana	1920	.....
Third Year						
Baer, Arthur C.	Fromberg	Montana	1920	.....	.....	.....
Hannan, Cecil G.	Richey	Montana	1917	Montana	1922	.....
Peck Aden T.	Reed Point	Newark	1916	.....	.....	.....
Rankin, Ira F.	Taylor University, Upland Ind.	Montana	1920	.....	.....	.....
Trappolini, Amadeo	Morgan Memorial, Shawmut Ave. and Corning St., Boston, Mass.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Second Year						
Knudsen Carl	72 Mt. Vernon St. Boston Mass.	Montana	1920	.....	.....	.....
Wampler, W. C.	(Clancy) P. O. Helena	Montana	1920	.....	.....	.....
Woods, Hubert W.	Meaderville, Butte	Montana	1920	.....	.....	.....
First Year						
Coburn, Stephen A.	Oakes St., Helena	North Montana	.....	.....	.....	.....

The Secretary will welcome any corrections or additions to this Directory.

MINISTERS SUPPLYING CHARGES (NOT INCLUDED IN FOREGOING LIST) WITH ADDRESSES:
 Abels, G. J. S., Park City; Fletcher, Saml., (Big Blackfoot) P. O. Helmville; Kliever, P. A., Ashland; McAllister, Mrs. L. A. (Alberton)
 Missoula; Tibbitts, (Clancy) P. O. Helena; Taylor Alvin F. (Avon) P. O. Helena; Mills, Ernest, McAllister; Simes, L. E., (St. Ignatius)
 P. O. Missoula, R. F. D.; Smith, J. A., Superior.

I

Conference Rules

The Duties of the President

11. The President shall see that all business pertaining to the Conference shall be brought forward and conducted in a proper manner according to the provisions of the Discipline and Rules of the Conference.

He shall preserve order in all proceedings and in debate, shall keep the speakers to the question, and call them to order when they wander from the point, or from the rules of order, or use any improper language.

13. He shall appoint all committees unless otherwise decided by the Conference, in which case the appointment shall be made by the nomination, at the discretion of the Conference, and members shall be permitted to nominate more than one person for the same committee.

When two or more members shall rise and address the President at the same time, he shall decide which of them is entitled to be heard.

The Duties of the Secretary

The Secretary shall record all answers to questions, rulings made by the President in the transaction of the business of the Conference, and to keep a fair and correct record of the proceedings to be read at the commencement of each session thereafter, subject to the correction of the Conference.

2. He shall carefully preserve the journals and papers of the Conference, placed in custody, and shall not permit any person to examine the same, nor shall he allow a member to transcribe from either without the permission of the Conference, and he shall also produce the journals and papers at the request of the Conference.

The Builders and Providers of Steamers

Every member who would speak shall be called on by the President. No member shall speak more than once in the same session except to explain until every member has been called on, not longer than fifteen minutes without the assent of the Conference.

STANDING RULES.

1. Applicants for admission on trial shall not be over 35 years of age.
2. In view of the increasing number of claimants on our superannuate fund, the District Superintendents shall not encourage the transfer, and the Bishops are respectfully requested not to transfer any men to this Conference who are not in sound health and who are over forty years of age.
3. After September 1, 1912, candidates for admission and trial into full connection and for election to elder's orders must bring up all books to be read and all books studied without condition.

MISCELLANEOUS RULES.**Section 1.**

1. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order.
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3. When the reading of a paper is called for, and the same is objected to by a member, the question shall be determined by a vote of the Conference.
4. A motion may be withdrawn by the mover at any time before decision thereon or amendment thereto.
5. It shall always be in order at any time during the discussion of a proposition before the Conference (except during the examination of character), to move that the question be put without debate, and, if the motion is sustained by two-thirds of the members present and voting, the debate shall at once cease, and the question shall be put.
6. No motion shall be entertained unless seconded, and all motions and resolutions shall be reduced to writing, if desired by the President or Secretary, or any member of the Conference.
7. No matter of business, other than that which pertains to the ordinary business of the Conference, shall be read by the Secretary, until the subject of it is stated by the introducer.
8. When the report of the committee is under consideration, the chairman or a member of the committee selected by the committee or its chairman, shall be entitled to close the debate, and the representative of the committee shall not be deprived of his rights to close the debate even by the ordering of a previous question. If the motion to lay on the table the report, or any part of it, be made, the representative of the committee may elect to speak before that motion is put, or to reserve his right and speak on the final question.
9. The yeas and nays shall be called and recorded on any question on the demand of fifteen members.
10. On the first day of the session at two o'clock the list of appointments shall be called and the preachers in charge requested to report collections to Treasurer and statistical reports to Statistical Secretary, and on the second morning after the approval of the minutes, the names of all who have not reported shall be called, and a proper excuse required.
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Section 2.

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3. He shall also, after the close of the Conference, make an appendix at the end of the journal in which he shall record all documents which shall be ordered by the Conference to be so recorded (the motion on which shall be taken without debate) and documents so recorded shall be referred to on the journal of the Conference.

The Duties and Privileges of Members.

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2. When a member shall be called to order by the President or any member he shall take his seat until the question be decided by the President; nevertheless, he shall be allowed an appeal to the Conference which shall decide without debate.

3. Any member may call for the division of a question, which shall be granted when, in the judgment of the President, the sense will admit of it; and every member present shall vote on all questions unless excused by the Conference.

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III Officers of the Conference

PRESIDENT

Bishop Charles L. Mead Denver, Colorado

SECRETARY

Charles Rhodes Thompson Falls

ASSISTANTS

Thomas Hardie F. T. Spencer C. F. Wolfe

STATISTICIAN

F. C. Fulford Red Lodge

ASSISTANT

Thomas Miller

TREASURER

Fred Whitford Forsyth

ASSISTANTS

E. D. Swisher Louis L. Ortmyer

REGISTRAR

Thomas Hardie Miles City

AUDITOR

A. D. Welch

PRO-RATING

S. A. Coburn E. C. Bartlett

REPORTER

Paul M. Adams

POSTMASTER

F. T. Spencer

IV

Conference Boards**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

H. G. Humphrey, Jacob Mills, Charles M. Donaldson, J. V. Kohler.

BOARD OF STEWARDS

E. C. Bartlett, Chairman; J. A. Meeke, Secretary; Chas. E. Cunningham, Treasurer.

For One Year—R. P. Smith, W. H. Pascoe, J. D. Slemons.

For Two Years—Jesse Lacklen, S. E. Dove.

For Three Years—C. E. Cunningham, J. H. Strain.

DEACONESS BOARD

A. D. Welch, President; John Chirgwin, Secretary.

For One Year—Mrs. J. F. Mills, William Lutey, R. P. Smith.

For Two Years—Mrs. Edward Smith, G. D. Wolfe.

For Three Years—Mrs. Geo. Mecklenburg, John Chirgwin.

BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

C. L. Bovard, Edward Smith, F. T. Spencer, T. Hardie, S. E. Dove, Thomas Layfield, R. J. Cunningham, A. C. Lemon.

BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION

C. L. Bovard, R. C. Edgington, C. L. Clifford, C. F. Wolfe, E. C. Bartlett, H. W. Woods, William Lutey, F. B. Price, John Callow, J. H. Strain, C. E. Avery, James W. Tippet.

Executive Committee—Officers and C. L. Bovard and R. C. Edgington.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

For One Year—Geo. Mecklenburg, Louis L. Ortmyer, R. McRae, E. E. Collins.

For Two Years—G. D. Wolfe, H. G. Humphrey, R. J. Cunningham, C. E. Avery.

For Three Years—C. L. Clifford, A. D. Welch, E. R. Sanford, Guy E. Marvin.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS

John A. Meeke, Chairman; Thomas Hardie, Registrar; Paul M. Adams, E. C. Bartlett, J. G. Ross, Edward Smith, E. D. Swisher, A. D. Welch, Fred Whitford, Thomas Miller, George Reid.

BOARD OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS—(See Discipline Par. 472)

Butte District—District Superintendent, Ex-Officio, Jesse Lacklen, George Mecklenburg, Mrs. E. R. Sanford (Missoula), Mr. E. A. Hardin (Whitehall).

Yellowstone District—District Superintendent, Ex-Officio, J. G. Ross, R. P. Smith, Dr. J. E. Midgett (Sumatra) Mr. E. E. Collins (Billings).

BOARD OF CHURCH LOCATION AND ERECTION

Butte District—C. L. Bovard, C. M. Donaldson, Paul M. Adams, Edward Smith.

Yellowstone District—H. G. Humphrey, Geo. D. Wolfe, Fred Whitford, Andrew Seaberg, W. E. Cummings.

TRUSTEES MONTANA WESLEYAN COLLEGE

For term ending March, 1923, R. P. Smith, E. L. Mills.

For term ending March, 1924, Jesse Lacklen, J. V. Kohler.

For term ending March, 1925, H. G. Humphrey, R. C. Edgington.

TRUSTEES KIMBALL SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

Geo. D. Wolfe, Edward L. Mills.

Conference Visitor—H. G. Humphrey.

V Officers of Conference Societies

CONFERENCE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Secretary, Mrs. Charles L. Bovard, Helena.

CONFERENCE WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

President, Mrs. Charles R. Perry, Missoula.

Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. W. C. Packer, Miles City.

Treasurer, Mrs. F. A. Friedricht, 307 Alderson Ave. Billings.

LAYMEN'S ASSOCIATION

President, E. D. Elderkin, Butte.

Secretary, A. C. Lemon, Helena.

VI

Conference Committees

(a) **Standing Committees—**

Conference Relations—Charles D. Crouch, Chairman.

For One Year—E. C. Bartlett, C. M. Donaldson, R. P. Smith.

For Two Years—Chas. D. Crouch, J. G. Ross, C. E. Cunningham.

For Three Years—T. H. Barker, Jesse Lacklen, Geo. Mecklenburg.

Book Concern—Harry M. Cooper, W. C. Smith, S. A. Coburn.

Education for Negroes—F. C. Fulford, T. H. Barker, W. H. Pascoe, H. E. Chappell.

Hospitals—R. P. Smith, Charles Rhodes, C. L. Clifford, Fred Whitford, A. J. Movius, R. M. Pinkney, P. E. Blake.

Temperance—F. T. Spencer, E. D. Swisher, G. D. Wolfe, W. H. Pascoe, A. D. Welch, E. C. Bartlett.

Epworth League—E. D. Swisher, Charles Rhodes, C. F. Wolfe, C. G. Hannan.

History and Memoirs—Edward Smith, Jacob Mills, Jesse Lacklen, Louis L. Ortmayer.

Resolutions—G. D. Wolfe, R. P. Smith, H. W. Woods, A. D. Welch.

Publishing the Minutes—Charles Rhodes, T. Hardie, F. T. Spencer, C. F. Wolfe, E. C. Bartlett, G. Reid.

Auditing—W. H. Calvert, F. C. Fulford.

Uniform Method of Church Finance—C. M. Donaldson, H. M. Cooper, G. Mecklenburg, H. G. Humphrey.

Centenary—District Superintendents, Chas. D. Crouch, R. P. Smith, G. D. Wolfe, G. Mecklenburg, Allan Haldeman.

Conference Claimants Endowment Fund—Thos. Miller, C. L. Bovard, E. Smith, Chas. E. Avery, E. E. Collins.

Courtesies—Jesse Lacklen, G. D. Wolfe, H. E. Chappell.

Methodist Review—W. L. Greer.

(b) **Special Committees—**

Conference Boundaries—C. L. Bovard, Edward Smith, Paul M. Adams, Geo. Mecklenburg, H. G. Humphrey.

Episcopal Residence—C. L. Bovard, Edward Smith, C. M. Donaldson, G. D. Wolfe, Geo. Mecklenburg, Charles D. Crouch, J. V. Kohler, C. B. Anderson.

Commission on Finance—Geo. Mecklenburg, E. D. Swisher, J. G. Ross, E. C. Bartlett, G. E. Marvin, J. H. Inch, B. A. Winans.

Fraternal Delegate to Northwest Conference Methodist Episcopal Church, South—Geo. Reid.

Stewardship Secretaries—

Butte District—H. G. Humphrey, District Secretary.

Butte Sub. District—Charles F. Wolfe.

Helena Sub. District—Charles M. Donaldson.

Missoula Sub. District—Jesse Lacklen.

Yellowstone District—J. A. Meeke, District Secretary.

Billings Sub. District—Judge R. L. Donley.

Glendive Sub. District—John G. Ross.

Livingston Sub. District—H. K. Holtzinger.

Miles City Sub. District—W. C. Smith.

State of Church—H. G. Humphrey, J. G. Ross, T. Miller, C. L. Clifford, R. P. Smith, H. E. Chappell.

Social Service—Jesse Lacklen, Geo. D. Wolfe, and Thomas Hardie.

VII Disciplinary Questions

1. **Is this Annual Conference Incorporated According to the Requirement of the Discipline?**
It is.
2. **Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conference?**
Ralph Carleton, North Montana; Percy Davies, Puget Sound; Robt. C. Edgington, North Montana; Allan Haldeman, Philadelphia; Arthur C. Baer, Puget Sound (studies of first year); Stephen A. Coburn, North Montana (studies of first year); Walter L. Greer, New Jersey (studies of second year); G. C. Lee, (super-numerary) North Dakota.
3. **Who have been Readmitted?**
None.
4. **Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches?**
None.
5. **Who have been Received on Trial?**
 - (a) In Studies of First Year. None.
 - (b) In Studies of Third Year under the Seminary Rule. None.
6. **Who have been Continued on Trial?**
 - (a) In Studies of First Year. Stephen A. Coburn.
 - (b) In Studies of Second Year. H. W. Woods, Carl Knudsen, W. C. Wampler.
 - (c) In Studies of Third Year. Amadeo Trappolini.
 - (d) In Studies of Fourth Year. None.
7. **Who have been Discontinued?** None.
8. **Who have been admitted into Full Membership?**
 - (a) Elected and Ordained Deacons this year. Fred Anstice, Aden T. Peck.
 - (b) Elected and Ordained Deacons previously. Arthur C. Baer, Cecil G. Hannan.
9. **What Members are in studies of Third Year?**
 - (a) Admitted into Full Membership this year. Arthur C. Baer, Cecil G. Hannan, Aden T. Peck.
 - (b) Admitted into Full Membership previously. Ira F. Rankin.
10. **What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?**
Fred Anstice, Louis L. Ortmyer.
11. **What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?**
 - (a) Elected and Ordained Elders this year. None.
 - (b) Elected and Ordained Elders previously. Walter L. Greer.
 - (c) Elected and Ordained Elders under the Seminary Rule. None.
12. **What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?**
 - (a) As Local Preachers. None.
 - (b) Under Missionary Rule. None.
 - (c) Under the Seminary Rule. None.

13. **What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?**
 - (a) As Local Deacons. None.
 - (b) Under Missionary Rule. None.
14. **Was the Character of each Preacher examined?**

This was strictly done as the name of each preacher was called in open Conference.
15. **Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences?**

Martin E. Van Demark, North Montana.
16. **Who have died?**

Henry A. James.
17. **Who have been Located at their own Request?**

None.
18. **Who have been Located?**

None.
19. **Who have Withdrawn?**

None.
20. **Who have been permitted to Withdraw under Charges or Complaints?**

None.
21. **Who have been Expelled?**

None.
22. **What other personal Notation should be made?**

Chief Red Fox (Skuihushu) of Blackfoot Indian Tribe, ordination by Christian Church recognized and entered as Local Deacon in records of our Church.
G. C. Lee, transferred as a Supernumerary from North Dakota Conference, and made effective.
W. H. Pascoe granted one year's leave of absence.
23. **Who are the Supernumerary Ministers, and for what number of years consecutively has each held this Relation?**

F. O. Linger (5), G. J. Stephens (5).
24. **Who are the Retired Ministers?**

J. A. Badcon, W. H. Calvert, John Hosking, Andrew Kershaw, Geo. D. King, Jacob Mills, A. P. Morrison, Wilder Nutting, S. A. Oliver.
25. **Who are the Triers of Appeals?**

E. C. Bartlett, Charles D. Crouch, C. M. Donaldson, Jacob Mills, R. P. Smith, Reserve—F. T. Spencer, G. D. Wolfe.
26. **What is the Annual Report of the Conference Board of Home Missions and Church Extension?**

See Treasurer's Report.
27. **What is the Annual Report of the Conference Board of Foreign Missions?**

See Treasurer's Report.
28. **What is the Statistical Report?**

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29. **What is the Conference Treasurer's Report?**

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\$37,586.

- (b) **What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the Annual Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer?**

\$23,714.

31. **What are the Claims on the Conference Funds?**

For Annuity distribution, 403 years multiplied by the Disciplinary rate of \$23 per year, \$9269. For Necessitous distribution, \$350. Total \$9619.

32. (a) **What has been Received on these Claims?**

From the Book Concern \$483, From Annual Conference Investments, \$149. From the Chartered Fund, \$35. From Pastoral Charges, \$3373. From the Board of Conference Claimants, \$1100. Total \$5140.

- (b) **How has it been Applied?** See report of Conference Stewards.

33. **What amount has been apportioned to the Pastoral Charges within the Conference, to be raised for the Support of Conference Claimants? (Par. 336).**

\$8169

34. **What amount has been paid by the Conference Treasurer to the Board of Conference Claimants for Connectional Relief?**

\$134.

35. **Where are the Preachers Stationed?**

See List of Appointments.

36. **Where shall the Next Conference be held?**

Helena.

VIII

Appointments

Butte District

District Superintendent	- - - -	Charles L. Bovard	(7)
Alberton	- - - -	(Supplied by Mrs. A. L. McAllister)	(1)
Anaconda	- - - -	E. C. Bartlett	(2)
Avon	- - - -	(Alvin F. Taylor Supply)	(1)
Big Blackfoot	- - - -	(Supplied by Samuel Fletcher)	(4)
Butte: Grace and Wesley Chapel	- - - -	C. F. Wolfe	(1)
" Mountain View	- - - -	C. L. Clifford	(2)
" Trinity and Mt. Bethel	- - - -	F. T. Spencer	(1)
" Unity and Silver Bow	- - - -	H. W. Woods	(2)
Clancy and Jefferson	- - - -	(Supplied by Forrest Tibbitts)	(1)
Dillon	- - - -	Edward Smith	(3)
Dillon Circuit	- - - -	To be Supplied	
Drummond and Hall	- - - -	Allan Haldeman	(1)
Hamilton and Sula	- - - -	Thomas Miller	(3)
Helena: Oakes Street	- - - -	S. A. Coburn	(1)
" St. Paul's	- - - -	H. G. Humphrey	(1)
McAllister	- - - -	(Supplied by Ernest Mills)	(2)
Missoula	- - - -	Jesse Lacklen	(4)
Philipsburg	- - - -	Fred Anstice	(4)
Ronan and Round Butte	- - - -	Ralph Carleton	(1)
St. Ignatius	- - - -	(Supplied by L. E. Simes)	(1)
Sheridan and Twin Bridges	- - - -	C. E. Cunningham	(3)
Stevensville	- - - -	George Reid	(2)
Superior and St. Regis	- - - -	(Supplied by J. A. Smith)	(1)
Thompson and Plains	- - - -	Charles Rhodes	(1)
Three Forks	- - - -	T. H. Barker	(2)
Townsend and Radersburg	- - - -	H. M. Cooper	(1)
Whitehall Circuit	- - - -	Geo. C. Lee	(1)
Winston and Marysville	- - - -	(Supplied by Edwin Dover)	(1)

Yellowstone District

District Superintendent	- - - -	R. C. Edgington	(1)
Ashland and Birney	- - - -	(Supplied by P. A. Kliever)	(2)
Baker	- - - -	Percy Davies	(1)
Billings	- - - -	George D. Wolfe	(3)
Bloomfield Circuit	- - - -	To be Supplied	
Bozeman	- - - -	R. P. Smith	(8)
Bridger Circuit	- - - -	H. E. Chappell	(2)
Clyde Park	- - - -	G. J. S. Abels	(1)
Comanche Circuit	- - - -	To be Supplied	
Edwards Circuit	- - - -	To be Supplied	
Fairview	- - - -	F. M. Latham	(1)
Forsyth	- - - -	Fred Whitford	(3)
Fromberg Circuit	- - - -	A. C. Baer	(1)
Glendive	- - - -	John G. Ross	(5)
Hardin	- - - -	J. A. Meeke	(3)
Huntley and Worden	- - - -	Louis L. Ortmyer	(2)
Ingomar Circuit	- - - -	W. C. Smith	(3)
Joliet Circuit	- - - -	H. E. Chappell	(1)
Laurel	- - - -	E. D. Swisher	(2)

Livingston	- - - - -	Horace K. Holtzinger	(2)
Luther and Fish Tail	- - - - -	To be Supplied	
Miles City	- - - - -	Thomas Hardie	(5)
Pine Creek	- - - - -	O. G. Ponath	(1)
Red Lodge and Roberts	- - - - -	F. C. Fulford	(2)
Reed Point and Park City	- - - - -	A. T. Peck	(3)
Richey Circuit	- - - - -	C. G. Hannan	(1)
Sidney	- - - - -	To be Supplied	
Wibaux	- - - - -	(Supplied by W. H. Calvert)	(4)
Wilsall Circuit	- - - - -	Walter L. Greer	(1)

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

Paul M. Adams, Professor of Biology, Montana Wesleyan College, St. Paul's Quarterly Conference, Helena, Montana (9).

John Chirgwin, Field Superintendent of Montana Deaconess School, St. Paul's Quarterly Conference, Helena, Montana (10).

C. M. Donaldson, President of Montana Wesleyan College, St. Paul's Quarterly Conference, Helena, Montana (3).

Geo. Mecklenburg, Executive Secretary of Helena Area, St. Paul's Quarterly Conference, Helena, Montana.

Edward Laird Mills, Editor Pacific Christian Advocate, St. Paul's Quarterly Conference, Helena, Montana.

G. C. Stull, Chaplain in the United States Army, Billings Quarterly Conference.

Left without appointment to attend school, W. G. R. Dann, Townsend Quarterly Conference; Ira F. Rankin and Carl Knudsen, both of St. Paul's Quarterly Conference, Helena; R. R. Kletzing of the Twin Bridges Quarterly Conference; Amadeo Trappolini and J. M. A. Papa, both of Mountain View Quarterly Conference, Butte. W. C. Wampler, Oakes St., Helena Quarterly Conference.

A. D. Welch Conference Evangelist, Billings Quarterly Conference.

Chas. D. Crouch, Supt. Billings Deaconess Hospital, Billings Quarterly Conference. W. H. Pascoe leave of absence, Trinity Butte Quarterly Conference.

DEACONESS APPOINTMENTS

Edith R. Ackerman, R. N. Superintendent	Bozeman Deaconess Hospital
Mary E. Davidson	" " "
Annabelle Harper	" " "
H. Grace Linfield	" " "
F. Elizabeth Yates	" " "
Monta Bane, R. N. Superintendent	Sidney Deaconess Hospital
Cora F. Meneley, R. N. Asst. Supt.	" " "
Ruth E. Robertson, R. N. Superintendent	Forsyth Deaconess Hospital.
Donna E. Watts, R. N. Assistant Superintendent	Forsyth Deaconess Hospital.
Angusta Nelson	Butte Deaconess Hospital
Anna Helickson, Leave of Absence	" " "
Roxana Beck, Principal	Montana Deaconess School Helena
Helen C. Piper	" " "
Ethel Hancock	" " "
Leona Rice	" " "
Blanche Baker	" " "
Hattie R. Kissell, leave of absence	" " "
Gertrude Cox	" " "
Bina K. Fry	" " "

IX

Daily Proceedings

FIRST DAY, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30th, 1922.

Opening. The thirty-sixth Session of the Montana Annual Conference convened in the First Methodist Episcopal Church, Missoula, on Wednesday, August 30th, 1922. At 8:30 the devotions were conducted by Bishop Charles L. Mead. After singing "When I survey the wondrous cross," the Bishop offered prayer. He spoke of the fidelity of Jesus to His task, and urged that we swear fidelity to the Captain of our salvation. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by the Bishop, assisted by the District Superintendents, C. L. Bovard and R. C. Edgington.

Memorial Session. Edward Smith was called to the chair. The Secretary called the "Roll of the Dead", the Conference standing. John Hosking led in prayer.

Rev. Henry A. James having passed away during the year, the Chairman spoke of his own relationship with him. The following brethren made appreciative remarks of the life and work of Brother James,—H. G. Humphrey who officiated at the funeral services, H. K. Holtzinger, who succeeded to the Livingston pastorate, Geo. D. King, Jesse Lacklen, P. M. Adams, R. P. Smith, Chas. D. Crouch, and Edward L. Mills.

Geo. D. King spoke of Mrs. Nutting, the wife of our brother Wilder Nutting. Chas. L. Bovard presented the Memoirs of Mrs. Nutting and also of Rev. R. L. Glasgow, and Rev. James Hughes who had supplied charges in the Conference, and Rev. W. A. Parkinson who was transferred to New Mexico at the last Conference, and on his motion these were ordered printed in the Minutes. H. G. Humphrey spoke of the passing away of the adopted daughter of Brother and Sister Aden T. Peck. (See Memoirs page 204-206).

Disciplinary Questions were then taken up.

1. **Is this Conference incorporated?** It is.
2. **Who have been received by transfer and from what Conference?**

The Bishop announced the transfer of Stephen A. Coburn from the North Montana Conference, Walter L. Greer (in studies of second year) from New Jersey, R. C. Edgington, North Montana, A. C. Baer (in studies of second year) Puget Sound, Allan Haldeman, Philadelphia.

Roll Call. The Secretary called the Roll, and the following responded: Paul M. Adams, T. H. Barker, E. C. Bartlett, C. L. Bovard, H. E. Chappell, John Chirgwin, C. L. Clifford, Chas. D. Crouch, Harry M. Cooper, C. E. Cunningham, Chas. M. Donaldson, F. C. Fulford, Thomas Hardie, H. K. Holtzinger, H. G. Humphrey, Jesse Lacklen, Thomas Miller, Edw. L. Mills, W. H. Pascoe, O. G. Ponath, Geo. Reid, Charles Rhodes, Edward Smith, R. P. Smith, F. T. Spencer, E. D. Swisher, A. D. Welch, F. Whitford, C. F. Wolfe, G. D. Wolfe. Retired: John Hosking, Andrew Kershaw, Geo. D. King. Undergraduates: Louis L. Ortmyer, Fred Anstice, Aden T. Peck, H. W. Woods.

Organization. Charles Rhodes was elected Secretary, with Thomas Hardie, F. T. Spencer and C. F. Wolfe assistants. F. C. Fulford Statistician and T. Miller Assistant. Fred Whitford Treasurer, who named E. D. Swisher, and Louis L. Ortmyer to assist. Registrar

Thomas Hardie. Pro-rating Secretary S. A. Coburn, E. C. Bartlett to assist. Postmaster F. T. Spencer, P. M. Adams Reporter.

R. C. Edgington made the nominations for the Standing Committees and they were elected (see list on page 163).

Bar of Conference was on motion of Edward Smith set to include the seats in front of the two side gallery posts.

Rules of Order printed in the Minutes were on motion of C. L. Bovard made the rules of order for this session.

Introductions. Dr. T. A. Stafford of the Northern Minnesota Conference, the Recording Secretary of the Board of Conference Claimants, was introduced and addressed the Conference. He handed to the Bishop a draft for \$800 the regular dividend, and one for \$300 out of a Special fund; these were given to the treasurer.

Dr. W. H. Hertzog of the Kimball School of Theology was introduced and addressed the Conference, and Edward Laird Mills also spoke of the Kimball School. Dr. Marvin Rader representing the Board of Foreign Missions, Dr. D. D. Forsyth of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, R. H. Hughes of the Methodist Book Concern and Dr. L. E. Simes were introduced.

On motion of G. D. Wolfe the hour of adjournment was named at 11:45.

On motion of C. L. Bovard the Conference concurred in the action of the Book Committee making 2¼% of pastors cash salary and house rent, the apportionment for the Episcopal fund.

"Current Expenses". H. K. Holtzinger asked for an interpretation of Sec. 2 Par. 112 of the discipline with regard to "current expenses", and on motion of Jesse Lacklen, a Committee (the Bishop, two District Superintendents and Statistician) was appointed to pass on this matter.

On motion of John Chirgwin, Bishop Mead was requested to send the greetings of this Conference to our resident Bishop Charles Wesley Burns.

Brother J. H. Inch of the Missoula Church was reported ill at his home, and pastor Lacklen was requested to convey to him the greetings of this Conference, with an assurance of our prayers.

John Chirgwin moved that after the reading of the District Superintendents' Reports, the Order of the Day be the presentation of the Centenary, Montana Wesleyan College, and the Deaconess Institutions, and this was carried.

Announcements were made, and the Conference adjourned with the benediction by Dr. D. D. Forsyth.

Statistical Session at 1:30, the Bishop presiding. The Roll of Charges was called, and reports were handed to the Treasurer and Statistician. Adjournment followed the announcements.

SECOND DAY, THURSDAY, AUGUST 31.

Devotions at 8:30, after singing Hymn 375, the Bishop offered prayer, and read from 2 Chron, 29th Chap. and spoke emphasizing the fact that out of sacrifice comes a song.

The minutes were approved.

The following brethren who were absent at the Roll Call yesterday were present: F. M. Latham, John A. Meeke, John G. Ross, W. C. Smith. Retired: W. H. Calvert, Jacob Mills; Undergraduate: Carl Knudsen.

The Treasurer and Statistician called for the reports of charges which had not been handed in, and additional reports were given.

Question 14 was taken up. C. L. Bovard was passed in Character, and he read the Report of the Butte District (see page 177).

R. C. Edgington was also passed in character, and he read the report of the Yellowstone District, (page 181).

The following effective elders and probationers were passed in character, and they gave their reports as to (a) the increase of membership and (b) the increase or decrease of Centenary offerings, Butte District: E. C. Bartlett, Charles Rhodes, C. L. Clifford, W. H. Pascoe, H. W. Woods, Edward Smith, Allan Haldeman, T. Miller, S. E. Coburn, H. G. Humphrey, Jesse Lacklen, F. Anstice, C. F. Wolfe, C. E. Cunningham, Geo. Reid, T. H. Barker, W. G. R. Dann. Reports were also given by Samuel Fletcher for Big Blackfoot, Ernest Mills for McAllister W. S. Tester for St. Ignatius. Reports were sent in from Avon, (Wm. Koehler) Superior and Alberton (Mrs. G. A. McAllister) Thompson and Plains (Thomas R. Clarkson.) Reports for Clancy and Jefferson, Townsend and Radersburg, Winston and Marysville were given by the District Superintendent. Yellowstone District: G. D. Wolfe, R. P. Smith, H. E. Chappell, H. M. Cooper, F. Whitford, A. C. Baer, J. G. Ross, J. A. Meeke, Louis L. Ortmyer, W. C. Smith, W. L. Greer, E. D. Swisher, T. Hardie, F. M. Latham, H. K. Holtzinger, F. C. Fulford, A. T. Peck, A. D. Welch, C. G. Hannan. Reports were also given by W. H. Calvert for Wibaux, and G. J. S. Abels for Clyde Park and Park City.

Reports were sent in from Ashland and Birney (P. A. Kliever) and Baker (Louis D. Harris). Special Appointments: The following men on Special Appointments were passed in character: P. M. Adams, John Chirgwin, C. M. Donaldson, G. Mecklenburg, E. L. Mills, Charles D. Crouch, O. G. Ponath, Ira F. Rankin, Carl Knudsen, R. R. Kletzing, Amadeo Trappolini, J. M. A. Papa, G. C. Stull. A letter from Chaplain Stull was read.

On motion of Geo. D. Wolfe the Secretary was instructed to notify J. M. A. Papa, that unless we get satisfactory reports from him, he be requested to locate.

Question 15. Martin Van Demark was reported transferred to the North Montana Conference.

On motion of C. L. Bovard it was decided that the order of the Day for Friday morning after the opening of the session be the report of the Area Secretary.

F. C. Fulford, Statistician, and Fred Whitford, Treasurer, requested that they be excused from attendance to discharge the duties assigned to them, and permission was given.

Order of the Day. C. M. Donaldson, President of Montana Wesleyan College, gave his report, and it was ordered printed in the Minutes on motion of G. D. Wolfe.

G. D. Wolfe presented the report of the Board of Education. This was taken up seriatim and discussed, and with additions embodied in the report was accepted. (See report page 186).

Dean Lemon's work for the College was acknowledged, and he was introduced, and addressed the Conference.

R. H. Hughes of the Methodist Book Concern presented the Bishop with a draft for \$483 from the Book Concern, and one for \$35 from the Chartered Fund; these were handed to the Treasurer.

Dr. L. O. Jones representing the Board of Hospitals and Homes was introduced. Rev. A. C. Baer who has come to us from the Puget Sound Conference was also introduced.

Announcements were made, and Conference adjourned with benediction by Geo. D. King.

THIRD DAY, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1.

Devotions. At 8:30 the devotions were conducted by the Bishop, who offered prayer, read from Ephesians 3rd Chapter, and spoke on the "Spiritual qualifications for ministers".

The Minutes were read and approved.

Introduction. Dr. P. J. Maveety, Secretary of the Board of Education for Negroes was introduced, and he addressed the Conference.

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Dr. Marvin A. Rader, Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions addressed the Conference.

On motion of Charles D. Crouch, the ordination of Chief Red Fox (Skiuhushu) as a local deacon was recognized.

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Question 9. What members are in studies of third year?

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10. Louis L. Ortmyer was continued in studies of the fourth year.

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23. F. O. Linger and G. J. Stephens were passed in character and continued in a supernumerary relation, each for a fifth year.

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The minutes were read and approved.

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and James Lacklen of Big Timber, with power to sell the property and to purchase other lots.

The Board of Trustees were nominated and elected,—H. G. Humphrey, C. M. Donaldson, Jacob Mills, A. F. Ritz and J. V. Kohler.

The Corporate Session adjourned, and the Conference Session resumed.

C. M. Donaldson was excused from further attendance.

Extension of time for 15 minutes granted.

Introductions. Rev. Joseph Pope, Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League in Montana, was introduced and addressed the Conference. Dr. D. W. Howell Corresponding Secretary of the General Deaconess Board was introduced and he addressed the Conference, and on motion of H. G. Humphrey the Conference expressed appreciation of the generous financial aid the Deaconess Board has given to the Billings Deaconess Hospital.

Mrs. Maggie Smith Hathaway was introduced and addressed the Conference.

R. H. Hughes, Publishing Agent spoke representing the Book Concern, and also with regard to the Pacific Christian Advocate, commending the work of its Editor, our own Edward Laird Mills.

Chas. D. Crouch moved and it was carried that the Laymen's Association be invited to give its report at this evening's session.

Announcements were made, and Conference adjourned with benediction by Dr. D. W. Howell.

EVENING SESSION.

The Conference met at 8 p. m. Charles D. Crouch offered prayer. The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Order of the Day. Reports. The Committee on Resolutions presented its report by A. D. Welch, and with additions was adopted.

Book Concern Report given by W. C. Smith, Epworth League report by E. D. Swisher, Centenary Report by Allan Haldeman, and Temperance report by F. T. Spencer, adopted.

On motion of E. C. Bartlett the Conference reporter was asked to make a special report of the resolutions on Social Service, and of the Temperance Report.

A. D. Welch moved that we have a Standing Committee on "State of Church" to which various matters may be referred, and it was carried.

John G. Ross moved that we have a Standing Committee on "Social Service," to bring in a report to each Annual Conference, and this was carried.

John Chirgwin presented the Report of the Deaconess Board, and it was adopted.

Auditing Committee's report given by W. H. Calvert, adopted.

G. D. Wolfe made the nominations for the Board of Education, and they were elected.

Treasurer's Report given by Fred Whitford, and Statistician's Report by F. C. Fulford, accepted.

Question 25. R. C. Edgington nominated the Triers of Appeal and they were elected, (see list)

36. H. G. Humphrey gave the invitation on behalf of St. Paul's Church and Montana Wesleyan College, for the Conference to meet in Helena next year, and C. L. Bovard gave the invitation of the Mountain View Church to meet in Butte. The Helena invitation was accepted by a majority vote, and on motion of C. L. Bovard the acceptance was made unanimous.

Resolutions of the **Laymen's Association** were read by Paul M. Adams, and were ordered printed in the Minutes.

C. L. Clifford, nominated by the ministers of the Butte District and G. D. Wolfe by the ministers of the Yellowstone District, were elected, to meet with representatives of the North Montana Conference, to act on behalf of this Conference with regard to the merger of Educational interests.

E. C. Bartlett nominated by the Butte District and H. K. Holtzinger by the Yellowstone District, were elected as representatives of this Conference on the Area Council.

Conference Boards were nominated by R. C. Edgington, and they were elected. (see list.)

List of **Special Appointments** were read (see list) and it was agreed that the brethren mentioned be so appointed.

C. L. Bovard moved and it was carried, that when we adjourn we adjourn to meet tomorrow night at the close of the evening service, to hear the reading of the Minutes and the report of the Committee as to "current expenses".

Announcements were made, and adjournment following the benediction.

FIFTH DAY, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3.

At 9 p. m. the Conference was called to order, Bishop Mead presiding. The Complimentary Resolutions of appreciation of the Missoula friends in entertaining the Conference, were read.

C. L. Bovard moved that a year's leave of absence be granted to W. H. Pascoe, and this was carried.

Question 2 was resumed. The following transfers were announced, Ralph Carleton from North Montana Conference, Percy Davies from Puget Sound Conference.

Committees were named on "State of Church", and "Social Service" and were approved.

On motion Fred Whitford was elected Treasurer, and A. D. Welch Auditor.

Report was given with regard to interpretation of par. 112 "current expenses" by the Bishop who ruled that according to the Discipline ministerial support is part of the current expense of the Church, but for convenience of report and for the purpose of book-keeping "current expenses" in the reports are separate, there being three sections, one for "Ministerial support", one for "Benevolences" and one for "General expense".

J. G. Ross moved and it was carried that the Conference stand adjourned after the reading of the Appointments.

The Bishop read the appointments, and the appointments of the deaconesses, and Conference adjourned at 9:30 sine die, with prayer by the Bishop.

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION.

This is to certify that at Missoula, Montana, on September 3rd, 1922, I ordained as deacons, Aden T. Peck, and Fred Anstice.

CHARLES L. MEAD,
Bishop.

CERTIFICATE.

The foregoing is the Official Journal of the Montana Annual Conference, at the Thirty-sixth Session, held in Missoula, Montana, August 30, 31, September, 1, 2, 3, 1922.

Chas. L. Mead

Bishop.

Chas. Rhodes

Secretary.

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Reports

(A) DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS.

BUTTE DISTRICT.

Bishop and Brethren: I submit this my seventh annual report in the spirit of gratitude to God for his continual presence and gracious guidance during these years of my incumbency in this responsible office. I am happy that I have been given opportunity for large service during these transition years of war and reconstruction. Of the eleven district superintendents in this area, I feel it an honor to have been located at the residential center and in close association with our Bishop and Area Secretary, sharing their counsels and as far as possible sharing with them the common tasks of our many agencies and institutions. And if my own duties have been somewhat augmented thereby, the closer fellowship of these leaders has more than compensated me for the added responsibilities.

I must here take the time to mention the uniform and continued courtesy and forbearance of my brethren in the ministry and their families toward me in the parsonage homes of this district. Never the semblance of a slight or disrespect has place in my memory during these years. It will be something to remember during the eternities, this kindness of the people with whom I have had the privilege of fellowship and service.

Charges and Ministerial Supply.

There was but little change in the arrangement of the charges at last conference. Lo Lo was omitted as there remained nobody of Methodist persuasion in that locality who would take the responsibility for the property and services. I shall ask that the property may be placed in charge of our conference corporation until such time as more demand may call for the regular supply of this point. Lima was incorporated in a Dillon Circuit and has been looked after by the Dillon pastor at quite a sacrifice of time and strength. I wish we were able to place a man at Lima to look after that south end of Beaverhead County—a truly needy country. But facing as we do a serious cut in appropriations and recognizing the difficulty in securing the right type of man for such a field, we shall probably have to continue the present arrangement. The Mount Bethel and Trinity Churches in Butte were placed in charge of one pastor, Brother Pascoe. The arrangement has worked satisfactorily. Five of our charges were left to be supplied: Mt. View, Drummond and Hall, Twin Bridges, Oakes Street and Ronan. After a visit to Twin Bridges I found it would not be possible to support a minister there on whole time. It was agreed that a week night service by the pastor at Sheridan, with such pastoral supervision as he could give, would have to suffice for this year. These were all duly filled bringing to our conference three new members of whom we have reason to be proud: C. L. Clifford to Mt. View, Allan Haldeman to Drummond and Hall and S. A. Coburn Oakes Street.

Our Institutions.

There are three of our Institutions located within the bounds of the Butte District: The Montana Wesleyan College and the Montana Deaconess School for Boys and Girls at Helena and the Butte Deaconess Hospital at Butte. We can have time to give only the briefest report of these important institutions.

The Montana Wesleyan College closed one of its most successful school years last June. President Donaldson, Dean Lemon and their able corps of assistants are to be congratulated upon the showing in the quality and amount of work accomplished. The largest graduating class went forth at this commencement recorded in the history of the Institution. There are more students planning to return thus holding the College department to a better continuity of organization and discipline than was possible when we used to have an almost new student body each year. We are informed that we are to have, judging from correspondence, the largest Freshman class the coming year in our history while practically 90% of the old students are expecting to return. The morals and enthusiasm in the School has been at its highest pitch. We win in the physical and mental contests with our state and inter-state competitors about all we set out to capture.

So much for the School itself. When we contemplate our financial situation the outlook is not so roseate. President Donaldson doubtless will report the exact figures of our situation. More and more we feel that we are face to face with the problem of a state wide campaign for our debts and endowment. This can not be much longer deferred without disastrous results to our College.

The question of the proposed merger of our School with the Presbyterian forces of the state will be duly set before you by the president of our College. I will simply say that there is not a cloud in the sky. It seems feasible and possible of speedy accomplishment.

The Deaconess School likewise closed a most successful year under the supervision of Miss Beck and her assistants. The commencement occasion attracted more attention from the citizens of Helena than ever before. The lack of room and equipment has been felt increasingly from year to year. A proposition for a better sewer system was carried out much to the improvement of the sanitary situation of our property. Also a new barn is advancing to completion. The Van Orsdel memorial Building has been at a standstill during the year. But not so our indefatigable field agent Chirgwin. You will doubtless have the opportunity during our session of hearing in some details of the wonderful success that has attended his efforts to raise funds for this building.

We have faced one crisis after another in our Butte Deaconess Hospital situation. I cannot speak too highly in commendation of the work of our deaconesses who worked so faithfully under great handicap in keeping the hospital open and going during the year. Miss Sanborne (now Mrs. Hoage) and Miss Linfield—and the return of Mrs. Ida Hills Nepper—who is working most heroically to save the situation—have each done great service under trying circumstances. It is not clear yet that we shall be able to outride the adverse winds that threaten to overwhelm us. As a district we should be ready to put our utmost wisdom and resources back of this enterprise—our one hospital located within our bounds. The plans have been outlined, and the time set for, a financial campaign to meet the emergency that exists. We feel that we cannot defer this beyond a few months without great risk to the hospital's continuance. Dr. Jones has been invited to give us the needed leadership. The campaign is projected for September 20—Oct. 15.

Centenary and Financial.

We are all agreed that in most respects this has been our most difficult year to finance our various churches and institutions. Notwithstanding the industrial conditions in Butte and Anaconda, through

the resumption of the work in mines and smelters, the long delayed pay days found the men far in arrears in all their bills, and practically in need of everything money would buy. This leaves very little for Churches and schools which are nearly always placed at the tail end of the family budget. It is the opinion of our workers that it will require a full year before we can hope for normal conditions in the matter of Church support.

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Spiritual and Evangelistic.

It is becoming increasingly more difficult to appraise the work of the church in what we have been accustomed to call "spiritual things". The term evangelism has now come to connote an entirely new range of activity from what it did even ten years ago. Now we think of the Sunday School agencies in connection with Easter and other special days. Decision days and win-my-chum efforts are more frequently in mind when we speak of evangelism. The early "protracted meeting" or "revival meeting", with or without an evangelist, are not even in the mind of our preachers these days when we speak of evangelism. And we should welcome the broader conception of these terms. For while it is possible for the pendulum to swing too far, we believe we shall settle down to a medium of far greater efficiency in Kingdom promotion than formerly. For after all evangelism is a spirit rather than a method. Given the "burning heart", then whether in continuous night after night meetings, with all possible concentration of effort, or in the family and Sunday School—or in the daily walks of business and social life, we shall be busy with the one major task of the Church. There are great advantages in the "big meeting" idea, the crowd psychology favors them and likewise there are dangers, and by depending almost wholly upon them, Protestantism has well nigh lost her leadership of this generation. We should take into our purvey the whole scope of life, the family, and the masses of laboring and professional people. For while it is true that the fundamental things in life do not change, instincts and needs of the soul abide the same, yet we do know that an almost complete change in our outlook in life has taken place in the last quarter of a century.

And should we hesitate to adapt our methods to changed conditions?

"New occasions teach new duties,

And time makes ancient good uncouth."

Time not only makes ancient good "uncouth" but likewise obsolete and inefficient to the very ends it once served to a very high purpose. So the question is, have we the true, Christ-like, spirit of evangelism? And do we welcome the new and wider application of this spirit to every department of life and church organization.

I have to report that the Eastertide evangelism in the churches on this district led for the most part by the pastors, resulted in the largest return of conversions and decisions that we have had since I have been on the district. There was a total of 340 of these decisions reported. And yet with our many removals, and faulty church record accounts (a deduction of 100 names having to be made in one charge) we shall probably report little if any advance over last year. It should be known now that we have been dealing in this state with an exodus of people from the class where most Methodists are found. Without any effort at all the Pacific coast should show heavy gains from the number of letters we send them.

Young People.

We are obliged to confess that the work of our young people is not making satisfactory progress. There are some real up-to-date Epworth Leagues in the Butte District; but in too many instances the League is simply "hanging on" with a meager program and small enthusiasm. If we secure a new organization, it is off set by some league that has suspended. While willing to confess to the lack of program and organization as a contributory cause of the present condition, I am of the opinion that the young people have most quickly responded to the spirit of the age, and have slumped into the easy-going, irreverent attitude of our day toward the Sabbath and the church. Then we must charge some of the trouble up against the church for its surrender of the normal expression of the young life in the fields of recreation and amusement to the commercialized appeals of an almost unscrupulous group of organizations. The fundamental things of religion, and the activities of a militant church have just as much appeal in them for our young people of to-day as in any age of the world. What avails, however, if we can not get our message to the people? It is evident that we must provide for getting our young people back to the church in larger numbers than we are now reaching. Our church has provided a new department in an attempt to meet this very thing. And we are pleased to note that where this program is entered into heartily, the results are good. Notably in Missoula and Mt. View have we examples of this program being carried out in many of its features. Other charges are preparing to follow.

I must mention in this connection our Epworth League Institute program of our church. In harmony with this program, we have been carrying on an institute in this state for a few years now. The last session held at Neihart (almost at the very center of the state geographically considered) was a great success. The attendance—over 300—a record breaker in that as in many other features. Even a forty-eight hours rain storm failed to dampen the ardor of these "institutors". Provision has been made for extending the influence of these summer gatherings by a tentative plan to locate two additional standard institutes in the eastern and western parts of the state. Mr. Lewis and his assistants in the state cabinet are deserving of great credit for their arduous labors for the success of this new movement on behalf of better instructed young people. Drs. Clifford, Donaldson and Cole from our own conferences rendered great service as leaders of the work.

Other Agencies.

I wish to speak briefly of the work of our Ladies Aid societies during the year. Next to the Sunday School, this is the most generally organized of all our department work. Besides providing a social clearance for women in our smaller communities, their financial contributions to the support of our work will reach almost 25% of the gross budget. In about 50% of our charges these contributions are so important as to be necessary to the maintenance of our work.

Three of our state's educational institutions are located within the bounds of this district: the State University at Missoula, The School of Mines at Butte and the State Normal College at Dillon. At each of these schools there are now coming, and must continue to come in ever increasing numbers, Methodist young folks from all over the state in quest of professional training and post graduate work. It is in no disloyalty to our own Montana Wesleyan that we

urge the church at large to focus its interest upon these institutions. We are glad to note the attitude of our Boards of Home Missions and Church Extension and the Board of Education toward our work in these Educational centers. The local church organizations must have their work greatly re-inforced from outside sources if it is to meet the demands that are upon us. Details of plans cannot have space in this report.

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But incomplete though this Report is, I lay it before you, and take my place with the brethren praying that the heavenly Father may still guide our personal and church destinies—as in the past so on into the future.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES L. BOVARD,
District Superintendent.

YELLOWSTONE DISTRICT.

Bishop and Brethren: Owing to the short period of my service in this office it is with considerable modesty that I present this my first report.

I desire first to express my gratitude to the Father for guidance and my esteem and appreciation of the brethren and their estimable wives.

In General.

The work of the District is most encouraging. Due to the guiding hand of God, the fine leadership of my predecessor, the heroic service of the men, the sacrifices of a loyal people and the improved and hopeful financial outlook, even though the country has suffered a heavy migration, the churches have had a fair ingathering and the local and benevolent finances have more than equaled last year.

Building and improvement have in most cases been wisely postponed. The little church at Sedan was purchased from the M. E. Church South, one in Clyde Park was purchased from the Congregational Church. Reed Point built a pretty little parsonage. The Ashland Church is ready for dedication. A fine community hall in the rear of the Fromberg church is in process of building and will be ready for use before winter.

A rather extensive building program is now imperative if the work is not permitted to suffer. Hardin has been worshipping in a basement for seven years. Work should be begun on the superstructure at once. This they are anxious to do if the help promised them can be had soon. Baker will launch a campaign for a new church early in September and hope to have the basement to worship in this winter. Not a Church in Richey. They are anxious to go forward and a campaign for funds must be put on not later than October. A new parsonage in Livingston and a new church in Red Lodge are greatly needed but the long drawn out strike may make delay necessary in both cases.

Organizations.

The Sunday School reports of the District are very gratifying; attendance has been regular and has kept up unusually well during the summer. Nearly every school has paid its Centenary pledge in full and has its finances in good shape.

The Ladies Aids have merited a word of praise. In spite of depression they have carried their work steadily forward carrying

flowers to the sick beautifying parsonages and churches and again and again coming to the help of Official Boards in meeting the local budgets. Possibly the banner belongs to the Baker Aid with thirty members and \$1000 raised this Conference Year.

Hospitals.

Yellowstone District is rich in Deaconess Hospitals. All honor to the fine, consecrated women who so nobly serve and sacrifice in these institutions. Here we have applied Christianity in the most practical way. It would be difficult to measure good done by the Deaconesses and helpers who so faithfully and heroically labor in this part of the vineyard. At Bozeman and Sidney the work is well established and the community has come to look upon the service of the hospital with pride. At Forsyth we have tried an experiment in hospital work. Rosebud County built and equipped a fine modern hospital and when it was nearly ready for occupancy it was leased to the Rosebud County Hospital organization for a period of two years for the sum of \$1. A splendid work has been done and confidence established. The lease expires April 21, 1923, and we recommend that this Conference appoint a committee with power to act to re-lease the building and equipment for such a period as may seem wise. Under the guiding hand of Chas. D. Crouch work on the Billings hospital is moving steadily forward and this dream, nightmare of years, promises to become a reality in the not far distant future. Dr. Crouch should have the hearty co-operation and support of the entire Conference in this great and difficult task.

Of Interest.

One of the unique experiments of the District was a young peoples' camp in the Beartooth Mts. Two weeks here clearly demonstrated the value of Pastors and their wives living for a time in close fellowship with their young people. Ten preachers and eight pastors' wives assisted. Among other good results fifty-two decided for Christ and thirty of these have already united with the church. The consensus of opinion of those who studied this camp was, that the Church should take advantage of the spirit of summer camping and outing and establish a permanent Church camp at some beautiful, easily accessible place where young and old might spend a week or a month with all of the pleasures of a real outing coupled with religious services and Christian influence. Such a place may be had 1½ miles off the Park highway 12 miles from Livingston and near our Pine Creek Church. A wonderful green park of 45 acres bordered by a fine stream of water and surrounded by beautiful forest and rugged mountains. If this place or a similar one was secured by this Conference and properly fitted up for E. L. and S. S. institutes, Church gatherings of various kinds, evangelistic services and possibly Annual Conference we believe it could be kept open from June to Sept. and much good accomplished. We recommend a committee to carefully investigate the possibilities of such a place.

Our State Colleges present a more difficult and intricate problem from year to year. At Bozeman this District has such a problem. When the four new buildings now nearing completion are ready for use our State Agricultural College will accommodate 2000 students. A fair percent of these will be our own Methodist young people and must not be lost to the Church. We commend the Board of Education for its active interest in this work and trust that ample provision in all of our educational centers for cultivating the religious life of the students. Because this work is in the experimental stage is the more reason for earnest prayerful consideration of it.

Although we think of the Deaconess School and Montana Wesleyan as our very own we will leave this part of the report to Dr. Bovard.

Finally.

The Yellowstone District needs many things and needs them badly. In many cases our building and equipment are entirely inadequate to our needs. Outside help is needed and lots of it. Great stretches of territory as large as an eastern state given over entirely to the M. E. Church for development. We are scarcely touching it. With a thousand dollar cut in maintenance and but a small amount for building purposes, with the lean years passed through and so few people left to enjoy the period of prosperity which we are now entering; with so little funds and so few workers our task seems almost a hopeless one. But in the words of our sainted Bishop Luccock "What ought to be done can be done and we are the ones to do it." The greatest need of the District is for heroic, consecrated leadership. A resourceful hard-working consecrated man with little or no equipment will accomplish vastly more than weak, half-hearted leadership with modern buildings and equipment. Let us not forget to place the emphasis where it belongs. What the Yellowstone District needs is men; men who fear God and know no defeat; men who are not afraid of hardship and who delight in sacrifice; daring men; courageous men; men who walk and talk with God and whose wives are working and praying by their sides; men who will do their level best at all times and under all circumstances; just the kind of men we now have and a few more of them.

ROBT. C. EDGINGTON.

(B) STANDING COMMITTEES AND BOARDS.

Auditors.

The Committee on Auditing have examined the records of the District Superintendents, and the Treasurer of the Conference, and find them very clear and correct.

W. H. CALVERT,
A. D. WELCH.

Book Concern.

Not alone because the profits from our publications go for the relief of our retired ministers and their dependents, nor because of a narrow sectarian motive, but because of their superior quality and skillful adaptation for the work of religious education, we urge all our Sunday Schools to use our own publications.

Our Advocates were never more ably edited or contained a more vital message for the creation of public sentiment in a time of confusing and conflicting tongues which regard neither law nor God, than now.

We heartily recommend that our people subscribe for and read our Advocates, and especially our own Pacific Christian Advocate, the editor of which, Dr. Edward Laird Mills, is an honored member of our Conference. We are highly appreciative of the splendid work he is doing in this capacity. We pledge our best efforts to extend the circulation and influence of this paper.

We endorse the Epworth Herald as the Official organ of the Epworth League, and urge our young people to subscribe for and read its splendid messages.

HARRY M. COOPER,
W. C. SMITH,
S. A. COBURN.

Centenary.

It seems hardly necessary to come before a group of "the people called Methodists" to present any message or set of resolutions on the subject of the Centenary, for it is no longer a celebration. We are carrying on the spirit with ever increasing interest. We pray that the spirit of the Centenary may rapidly become ingrained in all who name the Name of Jesus, who, we recall, urged his followers to go into all the world with His salvation.

We congratulate the charges that show a 100% Benevolence offering, as reported by our Area Secretary. Just a glance will show that these churches, and other churches which stand high in the Centenary lists, that the Centenary has stimulated all branches of Church life. Pastors' salaries are higher, and incomes for local expenses have materially increased. The missionary vision of a church surely reacts on the life of the church itself.

Our Conference meeting at such a time as to make the Benevolent Collections difficult, we recommend that the Benevolences be presented early in the Conference year, and that the financial system of all our churches, small and large, include weekly offerings for the Benevolences.

ALLAN HALDEMAN.

Deaconess Board.

The Deaconess Board of the Montana Conference convened at Missoula, the seat of Conference, on Sept. 1, 1922. The following membership questions were asked, and answered.

1. Has the standing of each Deaconess been approved? Yes.
2. Who have been received by transfer and from what Conference? Ruth E. Robertson from North Montana, Gertrude Cox from Des Moines, Bina K. Fry from West Ohio, H. Grace Linfield from North Montana, Hattie R. Kissell from Oregon, F. Elizabeth Yates from Columbia River.
3. Who have been transferred and to what Conference? Mary Janet Burns to Southern California. (At work in Phoenix, Arizona).
4. Who have been received as probationers? None.
5. Who are the Probationers? None.
6. Who have been licensed as Deaconesses? None.
7. Who have been consecrated as Deaconesses? None.
8. Who have been elected Associate Deaconesses? Grace Florence Anderson, Minnie A. Piper, Kathrene Edie, Jennie Carlson, Clara L. Throckmorton, Lucy Krieman, Kathryn M. Glass, (all at work in Deaconess School, Helena).
9. Who have been re-elected Associate Deaconesses? None.
10. Who have been re-admitted? None.
11. Who are the Retired Deaconesses? None.
12. Who have been granted leave of absence? Hattie R. Kissell, Anna Helickson. Leona Rice (gone to La Verne, Cal.—will possibly work with the W. H. M. S.)
13. Who have received Honorable Discharge? None.
14. Who have been discontinued? None.
15. Who have withdrawn? Ida Hills, Superintendent of Butte Deaconess Hospital, married during the year. Now, Mrs. Ida Hills Nepper, and is the Superintendent at this time of our work in Butte.

16. Who have been suspended? None.
17. Who have been expelled? None.
18. Who have died? None.
19. Where are the Deaconesses appointed? (See list of Deaconess appointments on page 168).

A. D. WELCH, President,
JOHN CHIRGWIN, Secretary,

Montana Deaconess School.

Receipts:

Tuition, Board, Laundry, etc.	\$20722.23
Donations	216.65
Farm Produce	123.25
Loans	700.00
School Supplies	282.99
Cash on Hand August 1, 1921	97.67
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	\$22142.79

Disbursements:

Printing, Books, and School Supplies	\$ 895.02
Car Expense	877.64
Children's Expense	1364.08
Contingent: Hardware, repairs, supplies	3096.58
Deaconess Allowances and teachers salaries	4840.75
Drugs	95.48
Dry Goods and Notions	470.76
Electricity and Electric Supplies	518.65
Groceries	2901.80
Hay and Grain	384.28
Hired Help	1952.37
House Furnishings	729.43
Laundress and Cook	1184.75
Laundry	1306.86
Meat	765.44
Oil and Gas	322.05
Travelling Expenses	166.48
Check Returned	20.00
Camp Expense	20.30
Cash on Hand August 1, 1922	230.07
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Deaconess School.

Field Superintendent's Report.

Dear Bishop and Brethren: It gives me great pleasure to be able to report continued progress at the close of my ninth year as Field Superintendent of the Montana Deaconess School. This year has been the best ever. Our building has been filled to capacity and we could have doubled our enrollment had we possessed the necessary accommodations. The health of the children and of the deaconesses has been remarkably good. Miss Beck and Miss Piper have just returned from their vacations and are ready for another year of activity. We have a first class crop on our farm and are now building a barn costing about \$2500.00 which will be completed in a few days.

The hardest work during the past year has been to secure financial aid. We have received two legacies, one from our late Brother Van Orsdel and the other from the late George Brandt of Diamond City. We have raised over \$22,000.00 in cash during the past year for the "Bro. Van" Memorial and have received nearly \$20,000.00 endowment. The will of Mr. Brandt netted the school \$2,100.00. To date we have raised \$48,000.00 in cash for the Memorial Building and have secured \$33,000.00 more in good subscriptions which are about due at this time.

The building committee opened bids for the superstructure on August 18th. It will cost \$30,000.00 to put up the building and inclose it. With a good crop throughout the state this year, our resources should enable us to go forward without any financial difficulty.

May I call to your attention the Christmas season.

The Board of Benevolence has recommended that our Methodist Sunday Schools forward their Christmas offerings this year to our Deaconess institutions. I have recently received word from Bishop Burns stating that he will ask the two Montana Conferences to give their Christmas offerings to the Montana Deaconess School. I feel, Brethren, that the children of Montana should be trained to give to the support of their own institution.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN CHIRGWIN.

Board of Education.

Your Conference Board of Education with a keen sense of the opportunities and responsibilities that our educational institutions impose on the Church respectfully submit the following report:

During the last Conference Year the whole subject of Institutions of higher education controlled by the Churches has been a matter of much discussion and intense interest to the Christian people of the state. Other Churches are much concerned about what may be done by all the Churches to establish a really strong school or schools that will meet the necessities of our young people. We Methodists, having the only Evangelical College in the State directly controlled by any Church, have the weightier obligations. We must renew our pledge of fidelity to Montana Wesleyan College and take it anew into our hearts, our prayers, our sacrifices. Last year was perhaps the best in the history of our College and the coming year is promising still better things. These very prosperities are causing heavier burdens on the shoulders of the Trustees and Faculty, making larger demands on our prayers and pocketbooks. Every day the necessity for adequate endowment is becoming more urgent. Dr. Hancher, Financial Counsellor of our Board of Education, has recently visited and surveyed the state, and has promised us the assistance of the Board in a future campaign. We therefore recommend that a campaign for endowment, debt and building, be undertaken in the Conference year 1923-24.

The Educational Committee of the Presbyterian Synod having requested on behalf of that Church that a committee be raised by our church to discuss with a like committee from their own body the possibility of a unification of educational interests at Montana Wesleyan, therefore in view of the favorable action of the board of Trustees, the suggestion of Bishop Burns and Dr. Harris and Dr. Seaton of the Board of Education, we recommend the appointment of a special committee, with power, to act with the special committees raised by the Board of Education, the Board of Trustees, and the North Montana Conference in this matter.

We heartily endorse the work of our splendid Montana Deaconess School and pledge our support to Brother John Chirgwin in his campaign for the completion of the Van Orsdel Memorial congratulating him on the success already attained.

Our Board of Education under the fine leadership of Dr. A. W. Harris and Dr. J. L. Seaton has rendered during the year notable service in our state educational problems. The presence of Dr. Seaton at several of our Educational conferences was a distinct benefit. The gift of \$7,500 to Montana Wesleyan made possible a growing school, while the doubling of the loan fund aid has made possible the continuance of 27 deserving students at Wesleyan. We therefore would assure Dr. Harris and Dr. Seaton of our appreciation of their good work and pledge to them our continued loyalty.

In this connection we note with pride the work done by our loan fund 29,984 students have been aided in a total sum of \$3,362,459. While collections on Childrens Day have steadily increased the demands for loans have grown faster, we would therefore urge upon our Pastors to be more faithful in the presentation of the Childrens day collection.

We rejoice in the success of the school for Pastors held at Helena last October under the auspices of our Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, and appreciate greatly the announcement that a similar school will be held this year also Oct. 9—21. And urge our pastors to attend if possible. We also renew our recommendation of last year, suggesting that a school of religious education be established at Montana Wesleyan by the Sunday School Board, the commission on Conference course of Study and the Home Mission Board jointly. The sessions to be held in late May and early June. The school to be under the management of a joint committee with the North Montana Conference, said committee to be made up of the Resident Bishop, the Chairmen of the Boards of Examiners, the Sunday School Missionaries and the President of Montana Wesleyan College.

The work done by the Church for students attending our State schools through various organizations meets with our hearty approval. The State can not put the desired christian emphasis in the instruction and social life of these institutions. There is a vital necessity for the work now being done by our Board of Education at the State universities of several states and that work we gladly commend. But we would urge our Pastors to inform our Ministers at the College towns of our state of the name of our Methodist students from their charges, the time of their arrival and other information which would assist the Pastor in the College town to hold the loyalty of our young people to our Own Church during the school year.

Resolved that a Wesley Foundation Committee shall be herewith constituted to be composed of the resident Bishop and the District Superintendents and the Pastors at Missoula, Mt. View, Butte, Bozeman and Dillon. The Superintendents of the North Montana Conference are requested to sit with the commission until representation shall be officially elected by that Conference. We request this commission to study the whole situation during the coming conference year in counsel with the joint committee on Methodist work at State Universities and to present to both Conferences an outline of State Wide and well coordinated plan for future policy in this matter.

We respectfully request the Board of Education to continue the special gift to Montana Wesleyan until endowment can be secured, and also request in view of financial conditions still existing in this state, as large a grant as possible for student loans the ensuing year.

We also recommend that the first Sunday in February be observed as Wesleyan Day, and urge every pastor to keep in close touch with the school that he may be able to inform his people adequately.

We recommend the election of H. G. Humphrey and R. G. Edgington as trustees of Montana Wesleyan, term to expire in 1925.

We have heard with pleasure the representation of the interests of Kimball school of Theology by Professor W. H. Hertzog and we heartily commend this worthy and growing institution. Let our people remember it in their prayers, and our young people give it careful consideration before deciding where to go for their technical training for christian service.

We recommend the continuation of the commission on affairs of Kimball as appointed last year.

We also recommend the election of Edward Laird Mills and George David Wolfe as Trustees and H. G. Humphrey as Visitor.

Montana Wesleyan College.

Synopsis of Report of President.

Dear Bishop and Brethren: The year passes into history as one of encouragement and success. Despite drouth and financial depression the consistent support of loyal friends has made possible a year of progress and achievement.

Attendance.

The year was marked by the largest entering class, the largest college enrollment, and the largest graduating classes in the history of the school.

In 1919-20—35 Freshman— 68 College— 4 Graduates

In 1920-21—27 Freshman— 72 College— 6 Graduates

In 1921-22—42 Freshman—103 College—13 College Graduates

Graduates.

The graduating class from the college numbered thirteen. Blanche Crawford, Ruth Mullikin, Margaret Gordon, Irma Brown, William Koehler, Walter Wampler, Winifred Stull, Howard Hunter, Emma Metsker, Ruth Van Demark, David Morris, Marie Steingruber, and Ernest D. Hitchcock.

The academy graduates numbered twenty-one, as follows: Noel Anderson, Tyner Allen, Edith Bieber, Esther Bieber, Alta Carpenter, Joseph Canning, Marion Cravath, Edna Chester, Mary DuBois, Edith Grigg, Ellwood Grissom, Walter LaBonte, Ivy Ogilvie, Inex Patterson, Fred Sternagele, Alice Stow, Bessie Walker, Gay Canary, and Atha Stellmon.

The commercial graduates were Dorothy Tuttle and Irene Hetherington.

Wesleyan Wins.

In football Wesleyan excelled, winning the championship of the state. Bozeman, St. Charles, Polytechnic and Gooding were defeated in decisive fashion.

In debate no less decisive victories were scored. Pennsylvania State, Michigan Aggies, Missoula U., St. Charles, Bozeman, and Billings Poly were forced to admit the prowess of Wesleyan.

Growth.

Wesleyan has now reached the point where her growth is her embarrassment. Figures are cold and meaningless when they deal with eager, expectant young life. A few years ago the statement was

made that Wesleyan could handle with the same teaching force and equipment a third more students. As wisely might it be said that a five year old could wear the same suit of clothes as a three year old. He might wear them but if the development were at all normal a bursting out might well be anticipated. More than the third more students have entered Wesleyan. We are proud of the fact that these students are largely college students. The college enrollment has risen from 16 in 1915 to 103 in 1922.

Last year Professor Paul Adams varnished and repaired old school desks sufficient in number to seat two classrooms besides making a chemistry table and a physics table for the science room. Professor Raymer moved the library into larger rooms, building new shelves for new books, but even now there are library books everywhere. Dean Lemon whose heart and soul are in the upbuilding of the school has schemed every way to provide room and equipment. We are using rooms in Mills Hall for piano, voice, domestic science, and languages. We are even fixing up the East Entrance of Helena Hall for a classroom. We are bursting out everywhere. We need at least three dozen classroom chairs, two new classrooms, new science equipment, and a new building. In fact three buildings, a Science Hall, a Library, and a Gymnasium are imperatively needed. It is our belief that a gymnasium with classrooms for physical education could be so planned that it would provide not only the gymnasium floor but also accommodate the library, and science laboratories. Such a building would cost approximately \$75,000 and should be included in our endowment campaign.

Now the problem before the conference is this, how to provide for this normal, natural growth. Three years ago we dropped the work of the eighth grade. We have seriously considered dropping the work of the first two years of high school. The limit of our present accommodations is 250 students. We will reach and possibly pass the limit this year.

Support.

This brings us up squarely against the matter of support. Someone may ask **why** with such increased attendance the school can not be made selfsupporting. The answer is simple. A college student pays on the average only 39 per cent of the actual cost of his attendance. 30 per cent is provided by endowment, and 31 per cent comes from annual gifts. But Wesleyan has less than \$20,000 in income producing endowment and our annual gifts are small. Furthermore our very growth calls for large and necessary outlay. We are not only providing for the maintenance of the house but building and furnishing it at the same time. According to a recent survey made by the Board of Education the operating cost for colleges in general has increased 155% and the expenditure per student has increased 87%. Moreover for the accrediting of a college the size of Wesleyan eight standard departments must be maintained with professors holding the M. A. degree to head the same. Remember these standards are not of our choosing. They are fixed by the educational forces of our land. If we are to call ourselves a college we must strive to measure up to the standards of a college. In support of Wesleyan's program of growth the Board of Education has stood squarely behind her. Not only has the public educational collection been assured but for the past two years at the solicitation of Bishop Burns a special gift of \$7500 has been granted. Dr. Harris has wisely ruled that Gooding College and Montana Wesleyan are missionary educational projects and should be supported as such. The Student Loan Fund was doubled last year, \$2300 being granted to help 27 Mon-

tana students. The Board of Education has been loyal to the core. Our Wesleyan Day representation and collection, however, fell down sadly, only 17 charges reporting in the Montana Conference for a total sum of \$356.55.

Tuition and fees might be increased somewhat, but the eighty dollars now charged is a fair average. Albion charges \$100.00, Hamline \$120.00, and Willamette \$70.00. According to custom ministers' children are charged only half tuition. Twenty-one children from Methodist parsonages attended Wesleyan last year. While this means \$840.00 less in tuition fees the discount is gladly extended in return for the steady consistent support given by our pastors to the cause of Christian education. Several individuals among whom should be mentioned Dr. Jacob Mills contributed splendidly to the year's budget.

During the past year there has been collected on old subscriptions a total of \$6,659.54 and on new subscriptions a total of \$3,536.75. The financial report for the year shows \$7250.05 in collections and gifts for maintenance, and \$5859.54 in collections on building and improvement. The close of the college books for the eleven months ending July 31st, 1922, will show income and expenditures in operation of the college as set forth on printed report.

Income:

Tuition and Fees	\$12,732.81	
Board of Education	12,443.20	
Donations	7,636.78	
Endowment and Interest	1,029.08	
Rentals and Dormitories	2,406.34	
Miscellaneous	114.75	\$36,362.96

Disbursements:

General Administration	\$ 6,290.14	
Educational System	27,432.52	
Physical Plant	2,561.69	
Misc. (Loss Bookstore, repairs, replacements, etc)	229.60	\$36,513.95

It now appears that this most trying of all years will be weathered without serious deficit and when subscriptions and student accounts are all in that some decrease in the accumulated deficit will be shown.

We are not able to offer a wide choice of subjects at Wesleyan neither can we train for many vocations but we can touch the entire life of the state. If we can be proud of any one achievement at Wesleyan it is the establishment of a department of religious education that functions for the entire college. Miss Crane, a Presbyterian girl formerly a missionary in Mexico, not only teaches the Bible but makes it so attractive that students from all departments are drawn to her classes, while far from being perfect we are not ashamed of the religious life and spirit of Christian idealism which marks the work of Wesleyan. Out of an enrollment of 175 we have 116 Methodists, 7 Presbyterians, 4 Baptists, 4 Episcopalians, 5 Christians, and 1 Catholic. Fifty-nine are enrolled in the Life Service Department. From our graduating class of this year 3 enter theological schools for further training, one will enter our Great Falls Deaconess Hospital, one will teach at Montana Wesleyan, and 6 will teach in high school. We now have four of Wesleyan's trained young people teaching at Wesleyan.

Endowment.

As was said in ancient days "All roads lead to Rome" so in our present situation all roads lead to endowment. Endowment is necessary to give character and continuance to our program. It is necessary to provide adequate support. It is essential to accrediting. The present standard of endowment for a college the size of Wesleyan is \$200,000. In 1923 the amount will be raised to \$300,000, and in 1925 to \$500,000. Dr. Hancher, that staunch friend of Wesleyan, made a special journey to Montana to survey the situation and in council with the Executive Committee the conclusion was reached that at the earliest possible moment a campaign for endowment, building, and indebtedness to the amount of \$500,000 be launched.

A campaign for \$500,000 may seem a colossal undertaking. Dr. Harker has a program which he claims will win if anything will in any enterprise. "See very clearly the thing you want, then get together, sing together, work together, and keep together, till you get the thing you see." Nothing should be permitted to challenge Wesleyan's right to wage the next campaign for independence, security and progress.

Union of Educational Interests.

For six years or ever since the Presbyterians were forced to close their school at Deer Lodge the matter of a union of educational interests has been under consideration. In 1916 trustees of the Presbyterian College requested of Wesleyan the appointment of a committee to meet a like committee of Presbyterians to consider matters of consolidation. In 1920 a committee was authorized to represent Montana Wesleyan in plans for a unification of educational interests in the Home Missions Council of Montana.

However, it was not until the Presbyterians sold their property at Deer Lodge and were invited by the Congregational forces of Billings Polytechnic to unite at that point that the question became acute. A number of the Presbyterian leaders preferred union with the Methodists at Montana Wesleyan. Dr. Harris and Dr. Seaton became deeply interested. At the suggestion of Dr. Seaton the North Montana Conference of 1920 appointed a committee to consider the matter. At the Conference in 1921 Dr. Harris suggested a continuance of the committee. At the Educational Conference held in Spokane last March, Dr. Seaton, Dr. Mills, and others attending, an invitation to the Presbyterians to consider union at Wesleyan was formulated. At a state wide educational conference in Billings in April under the leadership of Bishop Burns and Dr. Seaton, Wesleyan's place in the educational program of the state was clearly recognized, and the extent and character of the college work at Helena set forth. Following this the relocation committee of the Presbyterian College requested that the Methodists issue a formal invitation to the Presbyterians to consider some plans of affiliation. The Board of Trustees in regular session formulated a plan and appointed a committee of seven to meet a like committee from the Presbyterian forces to ascertain the possibility of union of education interests and efforts. The committee met, Dr. Seaton and Dr. Harker, president of the Illinois Woman's College, representing the Board of Education, and Dr. Bovard, Rev. Humphrey, J. A. Martin, Vernon Lewis, and Chas. M. Donaldson, representing the Board of Trustees. After careful consideration no insurmountable difficulties and several possible advantages were found. The Presbyterians have about \$85,000 in assets. The strength of the Presbyterian Board of Education with its contact with the Rockefeller Foundation would

be of advantage. Not only would the financial position of Wesleyan be strengthened, endowment increased, but also a larger field for students and support opened up. The business men of the state are deeply interested, believing it to be a wise and practical method of securing a strong Protestant College for the state. If no other campaigns for hospitals or Deaconess School were pending, if sufficient endowment to gain full accrediting were in sight and reach, if the necessary building program and payment of indebtedness were soon possible, Wesleyan could be indifferent to the Presbyterian proposal. The Presbyterians, uniting with other denominations at Billings or establishing a third college in the state will divide the field and seriously weaken the appeal for students and support. The question is one for serious consideration and experienced judgment. The Board of Education has from the first favored such union. Dr. Harris is heartily in favor of the plan. Dr. Seaton writes "It is clear that there should be a combination on Protestant education in Montana. The Presbyterians and the Methodists at Helena, the Congregationalists and anyone else who may wish to join with them at Billings. I do not believe there would be any great difficulty in working out a feasible and satisfactory scheme of joint control and operation with the Presbyterians." President Harker, president of the Illinois Woman's College and a member of the Board of Education, who at the request of Dr. Harris studied the matter of union with the Presbyterians carefully, says, "I hope the plans for union may have a successful outcome. I believe it will be greatly to the advantage not only of the Methodists and of the Presbyterians but of the entire commonwealth." Dr. Jacob Mills is strongly in favor of a union with the Presbyterians and says that he will support such an institution just as cordially as he has Montana Wesleyan. Bishop Burns has taken the lead in giving full consideration and favor to the plan. The Board of Trustees has sanctioned the tentative plan which appeared in the Pacific Christian Advocate. This plan it should be borne in mind is but a tentative plan intended to invite discussion and bring the issues of unification into the open. The North Montana Conference after some discussion voted by a large majority to name a committee of two with power to act with a committee from the Montana Conference and a committee from the Board of Trustees and from the Board of Education to work out details. The Presbyterian Synod has appointed a committee to confer with the committee appointed for Wesleyan, and also with the Billings Polytechnic forces looking to a unification at Helena or at Billings. This matter with others suggested in this report will be reported upon by your conference board of education.

Appreciating the support given and the cordial interest taken in Montana Wesleyan by the men of the Conference, I respectfully submit this my third annual conference report.

CHAS. M. DONALDSON,

President.

Epworth League.

We rejoice in the splendid work of the State Cabinet in the past especially in the establishment and maintainance of an Institute. We heartily approve of their recognition of the need for more institutes and earnestly urge them to establish two more institutes this coming year.

Believing that such an extension of institute work would be very profitable to the young people of our church, we call upon our pastors to take an active interest in the institutes and to make whatever sacrifice necessary to attend the same.

The Junior and Intermediate Leagues are of extreme importance in the training of the youth of the church and are vital to the life of the E. L. and the entire church and therefore ought to receive greater consideration by our churches.

Hospitals.

We heartily appreciate the work being done in the four hospitals located within the bounds of this Conference, and pledge our support in the matter of maintenance and continued development. We believe, however, that it is the sense of this body that no new hospital enterprise be projected until first considered and approved by this Conference.

We note with appreciation the growth of the observance of Harvest Home in many of our churches for securing donations of fruit vegetables and canned goods for our hospitals and Deaconess School, and recommend that the Superintendents encourage this movement. We suggest that local churches or societies where possible, pay the freight on supplies sent to our institutions.

We rejoice in the good results of the White Cross movement, and we suggest that as far as possible the Sunday before Thanksgiving be observed as White Cross Day, under the direction of the pastor, using whatever local organization has already been affected. The money secured to be forwarded to the District Superintendents of the respective Districts, or to persons designated by them.

We approve the arrangement with the Rosebud County Officials under which our Forsyth Deaconess Hospital is operated, and recommend that this Conference appoint a committee of three, consisting of Dr. Charles D. Crouch, District Superintendent, and the Forsyth pastor, with full power to re-lease the hospital for such a term of years as is deemed wise.

We approve the financial plans of the Billings Hospital enterprise in securing Dr. Charles D. Crouch as Financial Secretary, and the program of going forward to the completion of this undertaking.

We recommend that this Conference sanction two financial campaigns, one for the Butte Deaconess Hospital for \$50,000, and one for the Bozeman Deaconess Hospital for \$75,000, to be put on this year in September and October. We trust these campaigns can be so arranged as not to interfere with the contemplated Wesleyan College campaign.

We deeply appreciate the interest of Dr. N. E. Davis, of the Board of Hospitals and Homes, in the hospital work in our Conference, and the visit of Dr. L. O. Jones the representative of the General Board.

R. P. SMITH,

Chairman.

C. L. CLIFFORD,

Secretary.

CONFERENCE STEWARDS.

Income.

Balance on hand from last year	\$ 12.00
For Annuity Distribution:	
Book Concern Dividend	483.00
Chartered Fund Dividend	35.00
Part of Support Paid by the Churches, Par. 342, Sec. 4.....	3373.00
Income from Conference Investments	149.00
For Necessitous Distribution:	
Board of Conference Claimants Dividend	800.00
Board of Conference Claimants, Emergency Fund.....	300.00
Total	\$5152.00

Distribution.**On Annuity Basis:**

8 Preachers, 231 years at \$12.65 per year	\$2917.00
10 Widows, 135 years at \$12.65 per year	1601.00
1 Child, 3 years at \$12.65 per year	37.00

On Basis of Necessity:

Preachers	107.00
Widows	225.00
Paid Apportionment to Chicago Office	134.00
Balance in Hand	136.00

Total\$5152.00

APPORTIONMENT FOR NEXT CONFERENCE YEAR.

Amount necessary to pay full Legal Annuity Claims (see Item 5 above)\$9269.00

Estimate of amount required for Necessitous Cases as approved by the Annual Conference, Par. 337 350.00

Total Amount required to meet all claims in full\$9619.00

Deduct: Total income from Dividends, Investments, and Preachers Aid Society, figured on basis of this year's receipts from these sources, as given above\$1450.00

Remainder: Amount to be apportioned by Board of Stewards and raised by Pastoral Charges\$8169.00

Distribution to Preachers.

NAME	Years	Annuity Paid	Special Aid	Total Paid
A. P. Morrison	43	\$543	\$107	\$650
John Hosking	24	303	.....	303
Andrew Kershaw	30	379	.....	379
S. A. Oliver	32	404	.....	404
J. A. Badcon	25	316	.....	316
Geo. D. King	23	290	.....	290
Jacob Mills,	31	Relinquished	.....	.....
W. H. Calvert	32	404	.....	404
Wilder Nutting	22	278	.....	278
Total	262	\$2917	\$107	\$3024

Distribution to Widows.

NAME	Years Allowed Three-Fourths	Annuity Paid	Special Aid	Total Paid
Mrs. Cordelia Lowry	11	\$139	.....	\$139
Mrs. Clara Ware	26	328	.....	328
Mrs. Ida Hall	7	.....	.....	.....
Mrs. Allen Rodgers	10	126	200	326
Mrs. L. H. Mickel	12	138	.....	138
Mrs. C. P. Adams	15	189	.....	189
Mrs. Isia B. Miller	6	Relinquished	.....	.....
Mrs. J. W. Tait	21	265	.....	265
Mrs. Elizabeth Whiteley	6	75	25	100
Mrs. S. E. Snider	16	202	.....	202
Mrs. H. A. James	11	139	.....	139
Total	141	\$1601	\$225	\$1826

Distribution to Children.

NAME OF MOTHER	NAME OF CHILD	Age of Child Last Birthday	Father's Effective Years	Years Allowed One-Fourth	Annuity Paid	Total Paid
Elizabeth Whiteley	Robert Whiteley	7	11	3	37	37
Total	.....				37	37

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS FUND.

The Board of Stewards and Committee on Conference Claimants funds jointly make the following recommendations:

We repeat the recommendation made by the Board of Stewards and passed by the Conference of 1918, in regard to a Conference claimant fund:

1. That we set the goal at this time of \$100,000.00.
2. That we elect a Committee of five consisting of three ministers and two laymen representing both districts, and that we authorize this Committee to solicit legacies and donations for such a fund.
3. We recognize that in view of the Centenary and other pending interests, that this is not the time for a vigorous campaign, but we request said committee to seek a date when such a campaign may be launched.
4. Therefore we recommend that the District Superintendent of each district, the treasurer of the Conference Trustees (in order to connect the matter with the Board of Trustees) and a layman from each district to be nominated and elected by the Conference, be the Committee.

To these recommendations, passed by a previous Conference, we further recommend that the Rev. Edward Smith be appointed as the agent of this Committee, without salary, to promote this interest by the circulation of literature, visits to prospective donors, etc., and thus lay the foundation for a definite campaign in the future, and to secure such gifts as he may be able.

R. P. SMITH.

RESOLUTIONS.

We highly appreciate Bishop Mead as our Presiding Officer— young, vigorous, brotherly, eloquent, open-minded and inspiring— his visit will prove, we are sure an influence of permanent good to our Conference.

It is with great pride that we point to one of our own members, Dr. Edward Laird Mills, as the distinguished editor of the Pacific Christian Advocate, and we want him and the Publishing Agents to know that we rejoice in his editorial work, which makes this paper a potent factor in general Methodism, and an agent of great spiritual and intellectual uplift to our Conference. We heartily pledge ourselves to more diligent effort to secure increased subscriptions to the Advocate.

We desire to commend the policy of the Montana Messenger as the Area organ for promoting the interests of the Church in seeking to convey the inspiration of our resident Bishop, Charles Wesley Burns, and the Area Headquarters, to every home in our membership, especially in its religious touch with the people in pastorless churches. It is the sentiment of this Conference that it be continued in its present policy and price, and we urge our pastors to see that a copy is placed in every home of our constituency.

We recommend the endorsement by this Conference of the Constitutional Amendment to prohibit sectarian appropriations (House Jt. Res. 159) and urge its immediate passage.

In view of the troubled condition of all the nations, the result of the recent World Conflict, we pledge ourselves to unceasing opposition to war, and will gladly cooperate with all movements that have for their aim the bringing in of lasting peace thru the teachings of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. To best accomplish this we present the following resolutions:

1. That we pledge ourselves to a fearless preaching of the whole Gospel of our Master, Jesus, believing that only as His Gospel is preached and lived, can the crises of this New Age be met. It shall be our aim to emphasize the value of human rights as greater than mere property rights, and that in the social and industrial order, the motive of service shall take the place of selfishness and greed, and that the spirit of brotherhood replace that of competition.

2. That the pastors read to their congregations at least once a year, preferably on Labor Sunday. Paragraphs 592-3 of our Discipline.

3. That the pastors organize groups to study social and industrial problems.

4. That we call attention of our pastors to the Methodist Federation for Social Service, suggesting that they become members themselves and bring the same privilege to the attention of the laity.

5. That where charges make an offering to the Federation, credit be given in the Minutes of the Conference under the head of "Conference Collections".

6. That as preachers of the full gospel of Jesus, we will take heed to ourselves that in all our lives and relationships with others our ideals motives and practices shall be allies and not enemies to our message.

7. That we hereby express our sincere appreciation for the splendid presentation of Social Service by Dr. Edward Laird Mills.

8. That we favor the enactment of such legislation in State and Nation as will secure to all workers one day's rest in seven.

We sincerely express our appreciation for the hospitality shown by the pastor Rev. Jesse Lacklen, the members and friends of the First Church, Missoula, and the Ladies Aid Society, in their kindly and home-like entertainment which they have accorded to the members of our Conference in our visit to their City, Church, and Homes.

It is our desire also to record our appreciation of the Press, for the interest taken in the Conference, and the faithful recording of its Sessions in the papers of the City, and to tender our thanks to the Christian Church for the generous use of their building, and to Mrs. C. L. Bovard for her ever being present and her willingness to preside at the piano.

G. D. WOLFE.
R. P. SMITH.
H. W. WOODS.
A. D. WELCH.

(C) SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

Asbury Memorial Fund.

Helena Area Apportioned	\$400.00
Received to date:	
From Montana Conference	\$31.25
From North Montana Conference	12.00

MONTANA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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From Idaho Conference	1.00
From North Dakota Conference	60.25
Total	104.60
Balance due	\$295.40

WHITE CROSS.

Total Cash Received to Date	\$4,795.24
Total Paid out (Cks. 1-41)	4,759.60
Balance on hand	\$ 35.64

Analysis of receipts by Hospital Areas:

Billings	\$ 47.06
Bozeman	1,838.63
Butte	831.85
Forsyth	233.03
Glasgow	16.75
Great Falls	15.00
Sidney	1,675.92
Un-classified	137.00
Total, equalling Receipts	\$4,795.24

Analysis of Expenditures:

Bozeman Deaconess Hospital	\$1,156.95
Butte Deaconess Hospital	658.40
Forsyth Deaconess Hospital	217.93
Sidney Deaconess Hospital	1,005.49
Total to Hospitals	\$3,038.77
R. C. Edgington's Salary, three and four fifth mos...\$	963.33
Travel Expense, three and four-fifth mos.....	458.13
Printing Bill	214.91
Mess. Adv.	67.98
Miscellaneous	16.48
Agreeing in Total with "Paid Out"	\$4,759.60
Sharers in Expenses: Billings	\$ 47.06
Bozeman	681.68
Butte	173.45
Forsyth	15.10
Glasgow	16.75
Great Falls	15.00
Sidney	690.43
Un-classified donations	137.00
Total now expended	\$1,720.83
Balance on hand	\$ 35.64
Unpaid Bills on hand, State Pub. Co.	\$ 43.87
Sidney Herald	17.00
Total	\$ 60.87

Respectfully Submitted,
CHAS. L. BOVARD,
Treasurer.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

(D) TREASURER**Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Montana
In Account with Jacob Mills, Treasurer.**

Bal. on hand last year		\$2,683.46
Add int. on White Sulphur Springs Acct. by order of Conference 1921	21.70	
Add int. on E. Gallatin acct. by order of Conference 1921	4.02	
Add int. on Ovando acct. by Mistake of Conference 1921	30.35	
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		\$2,739.53
Sept. 1, 1921 Paid Conference Board of Stewards int.....	183.85	
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		\$2,555.68
Add White Sulphur Springs Fund, See Conference Min. 1919, page 264	433.58	
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		\$2,989.26
Returned Ovando Fund int. to that acct.....	30.35	
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		\$2,958.91
Aug. 20, 1922 Int. for one year at 5%	149.95	
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Total C. C. Fund		\$3,108.86
East Gallatin Fund.....	\$ 84.54	
Paid C. C. Fund.....	4.02	\$ 80.52
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Int. for 1922	30.35	
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Aug. 20, 1922 Rtd from C. C. Fund..	30.35	667.65
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April 18, 1922 Salesville, Fire Damage to Church	\$485.62	
Aug. 16, 1922 C. D. Int. for 1 year....	19.42	505.04
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Aug. 20, 1922 Bozeman Ch. Mtge. (Soper prop'ty)....		\$2,840.00
Rec'd int. during the year.....	\$298.20	
Pd. same to Dist Supts.....	\$298.20	
This Loan is overdue.		

(E) MISCELLANEOUS.**Laymen's Association Minutes.**

Meeting of Laymen's Association of the Montana Annual Conference of 1922 was held in the Christian Church, Friday Morning, September 1. In the absence of President Stevens of Forsyth, Mr. Elderkin, of Butte, called the meeting to order. On motion of Mr. Avery, Mr. Elderkin was chosen chairman.

In opening the Conference, Mr. Elderkin called attention to the crying need of today for laymen to be awake to the moral issues of the times and to stand firm for the right.

A. C. Lemon of Helena was elected secretary.

Ordered by motion to consider all who registered at the Laymen's Conference as duly authorized representatives with right to participate in the deliberations and voting.

Mr. Elderkin called for remarks from delegates present. The following spoke briefly: Judge John E. Patterson of Missoula, Geo. G. Moore of Forsyth, Mr. Hardin of Whitehall, Mrs. Etta B. Metzel of Dillon, R. M. Bell of Anaconda, W. J. Greer of Ronan.

Judge Patterson emphasized the need of attention to the following problems of the Methodist Episcopal Church. 1. The Missionary program and success of the Centenary. 2. The great need for workers. 3. Individual responsibility. Mr. Moore spoke briefly on: Prohibition and the Primary Ballot. Mr. Greer deplored the public dance in high schools and favored more revival work in the churches. Mr. Bell emphasized the importance of individual example in life. Mrs. Etta B. Metzel spoke on prohibition. Mr. Hardin asked for organization of committees to report at 2 o'clock.

The following committee on resolutions was elected: 1. Mr. Patterson, Missoula; 2. Mr. Andrews, Glendive; 3. Mrs. Metzel, Dillon; 4. Mr. Greer, Ronan; 5. Mr. Avery, Anaconda.

After other expressions on above questions meeting adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock to hear report of Resolutions Committee.

Meeting re-convened at 2:15 o'clock in the Christian Church. It was ordered by motion to proceed with the election of officers for the ensuing year. The following officers were elected by unanimous vote: C. E. Avery of Anaconda, President; George G. Moore of Forsyth, Vice-President; Allan C. Lemon of Helena, Secretary; Etta B. Metzel of Dillon, Treasurer. The report of the resolutions committee was called for and the following resolutions were read: "The laymen of the Methodist Episcopal Church, meeting at Missoula, Montana, September 1st, in their annual meeting of 1922, do hereby renew our allegiance to the Methodist Episcopal Church.

We wish to express our sincere appreciation of the fine loyalty of the past year, displayed by all the members of the Montana conference, in their respective offices and charges in the building up of Montana Methodism, and we do humbly renew our fidelity to them and to the church and trust under the power of God and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, to co-operate with them with greater force in carrying on the work of the Master.

We realize the burden upon the hearts of our pastors for the salvation of souls. We realize more than ever the forces of evil at work in our communities to nullify our Christian precepts, and seemingly to give Satan greater sway. We know that it is only as the hearts of our people are converted, that there may come that change in our community that is healthy and Christian. We therefore call upon our pastors to put forth greater effort if possible, in the leadership that may cause us unitedly, to bring salvation to the people, and with that end in view, we beg to advise, that as far as possible, we believe that at least once a year, a revival service or series of revival meetings should be arranged in each church, believing a definite Christian experience will dispel the forces of evil.

Appreciating as we do the great force the Methodist Episcopal Church has been in the cause of temperance and in bringing about prohibition, as exemplified in the 18th amendment, we again enlist under the leadership of our pastors to go forward in the second step, that of law enforcement and of consolidating the ground we have won, until the bootlegger and illicit liquor dealer shall be no more.

We realize more than ever the great privilege and duty brought about by the Centenary, and pledge ourselves to greater effort, in fulfilling the pledges of the Church and from that foundation to increase our obligations as the Centenary has demonstrated the necessity.

Be it further resolved that we are unalterably opposed to the passage of the bill being initiated, known as the Pari-Mutuel Bill which is a bill permitting gambling at state and county fairs and urge all our people to use their active efforts from now until election to defeat the same.

We commend the splendid work in Christian education that is being done in our Montana Wesleyan College at Helena and we pledge our support thereto and urge our people to send their young folks there for Christian training and education.

We take pride in the fact that Montana Methodism leads every state in the union in the number of Deaconess hospitals. We cannot emphasize too strongly our appreciation of the sacrifices, devotion and consecration of our Deaconesses. We believe that the Methodists of the state should support them to the best of their ability.

We request that the minutes of this Laymen's Association and these resolutions be given space and published in the minutes of the proceedings of the Montana Annual Conference.

We express our appreciation and hearty thanks to the people of Missoula for the royal entertainment furnished our number and hope and pray that our presence in their homes has been an inspiration to them.

JOHN E. PATTERSON,
W. J. GREER,
E. C. ANDREWS,
C. E. AVERY,
ETTA B. METZEL."

Following the resolutions, remarks from various members present were called for. The following talks were given:

Judge Patterson of Missoula spoke on the Wesley Foundation at the State University. Mr. Hughes, of the Methodist Book Concern, spoke in behalf of that institution and in behalf of the Pacific Christian Advocate.

It was ordered by motion to extend to the Christian Church of Missoula a vote of thanks for the use of their Church.

It was ordered by motion that the President prepare a program for the next annual meeting of the Laymen's Association of the M. E. Church of the Montana Conference. The meeting then adjourned.

A. C. LEMON, Secretary.

XI Plan of Conference Examinations

John A. Meeke, Chairman, Hardin; Thomas Hardie, Registrar, Miles City.

For Admission on Trial—

Examiners, A. D. Welch, Fred Whitford.

Doctrines and Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church—F. Whitford.

American History—James and Sanford, A. D. Welch.

Life of Wesley—Winchester, A. D. Welch.

(a) Plain Account of Christian Perfection—Wesley, F. Whitford.

(b) Selections from the Writings of John Wesley—Welch, F. Whitford.

A Bible Biography. Not less than one thousand words upon one of the following subjects, using only the materials found in the Bible. The Life of Moses, The Life of David, The Life of Jesus, The Life of Paul—A. D. Welch.

A written Sermon—F. Whitford.

First Year—

New Testament History—Rall, George Reid.

Evangelism—Thomas Miller.

The Making of a Sermon—Pattison, G. Reid.

The Art of Writing English—T. Miller.

Human Behavior—Colvin and Bagely, T. Miller.

Collateral Reading and Study—

The Pastor Preacher—Quayle.

Citizenship and Moral Reform—Langdale. } G. Reid

The Main Points—Brown.

Wesley's Sermons—Vol. I. } T. Miller

Francis Asbury—Tipple.

Second Year—

(a) Dictionary of the Bible (1 Vol. Edition)—Hastings, Edward Smith.

(b) The Bible in the Making—Smyth, Edward Smith.

History of the Christian Church—Walker. (Omit pages 1-4), Edward Smith.

(a) The Pupil and the Teacher—Weigle, E. D. Swisher.

(b) The Graded Sunday School in Principle and Practice—Meyers. E. D. Swisher.

The Christian Pastor—Gladden. E. D. Swisher.

Collateral Reading and Study—

The Christian View of the Old Testament—Eiselen. } Edward

How to Teach Religion—Betts. } Smith

The Church in the City—Leete.

History of Methodism. (Vol I.)—Stevens. } E. D. Swisher

Life of Luther—McGiffert.

Wesley's Sermons—Vol. II.

Third Year—

Beacon Lights of Prophecy—Knudsen. Thomas Hardie.

Foundations of Christian Belief—Strickland. E. C. Bartlett.
 Introduction to the Study of Sociology—Hayes. T. Hardie.
 The Religions of Mankind—Soper. E. C. Bartlett.
 Neely's Parliamentary Practice—T. Hardie.

Collateral Reading and Study—

Studies in Christianity—Bowen.
 The Church and Industrial Reconstruction— } T. Hardie
 History of Methodism, Vol. II—Stevens.
 Life of Phillips Brooks (briefer edition)—Allen.
 Modern Premillennialism and the Christian Hope—Rall. } E. C.
 Methodist Review. } Bartlett

Fourth Year—

Paul and His Epistles—Hayes. Paul Adams.
 System of Christian Doctrine—Sheldon (omit part I and Appen-
 dix). P. Adams.
 The Five Great Philosophies of Life—Hyde. J. G. Ross.
 The Book of Isaiah (Vol. I-II)—Smith. J. G. Ross.

Collateral Reading and Study—

Missionary Morale—Miller.
 The Methodist Review— } P. M. Adams
 Outline of Christian Theology—Clarke.
 History of Methodism (Vol. III)—Stevens. } J. G. Ross
 Good Ministers of Jesus Christ—McDowell.

The requirements and suggestions of the Directions and Helps must be strictly adhered to in all of the courses of study by examiners and candidates, especially with reference to written work.

Local Preacher's Course—

John A. Meeke.

Local Deacon's Orders—

E. C. Bartlett, Thomas Hardie.

Local Elder's Orders—

J. A. Meeke.

NOTES FOR EXAMINERS AND APPLICANTS.

1. Each examiner is required to send to the Chairman a list of questions not later than October 1.
2. Each candidate will notify the Chairman when ready to pass on any book.
3. The persons conducting an examination will send the candidate's answers to their respective examiners, and the questions back to the Chairman.
4. Each examiner will send three (typewritten, if possible) copies of questions to Chairman, retaining one copy for himself, and after examining the papers submitted by candidate will forward grades to the Registrar.
5. It shall be the duty of the undergraduates desiring to present credit for any subject pursued in school, or Conference, to confer with the examiner before Conference, stating the subject for which he desires credit and to present satisfactory evidence of his standing in the same before the Board of Examiners at its annual meeting at the seat of Conference.
6. Local preachers will apply directly to John A. Meeke, Hardin, for information and questions on that course.
7. After the opening session of Conference no candidate will hereafter be admitted to examination.

8. Examiners will keep account of postage expense and submit same to board at annual meeting.

9. Read carefully what the Discipline says, relating to Conference examination. (Appendix, Chapter 8).

10. Write all sermons, essays, and answers to questions neatly with ink on one side of the paper.

11. Examinations must be taken before a member of the Examining Board or some member of the Conference appointed by the Chairman. Candidates appointed to remote charges are requested, as far as possible, to arrange to take their examination during the visits of the Superintendent.

12. The Secretary of the Conference is instructed to pay bills incurred by the Chairman and Registrar for the typewriting and postage necessary in the preparation and transmission of examination questions.

XII

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We shall never forget the quarterly conference last May when he reluctantly gave up his work. No one probably knew what it cost him to state in a straight forward manly way with neither tears nor tremulo that he realized he was fighting a losing battle and the interest of the church seemed to him to be best conserved by his stepping aside. This did not mean that he had lost his interest in the success of this institution. His records were completed, committees nominated and his ministry closed on June 1st, with every interest of the church so organized up to date that no perceptible scattering or slump followed.

Indeed that was characteristic of his entire ministry. Careful, painstaking, accurate, constructive work leaving each charge stronger that he found it. His life was an open book patterned closely after that of his Master. A preacher of sound doctrine, preaching the Word in season and out of season, sustained by the very grace and Divine comfort he had proclaimed thru the years.

We found him in his last weeks of illness in somewhat of the frame of mind as his favorite Biblical character, St. Paul, had described—sort of in a strait betwixt two having an earnest desire to depart and be with Christ which was far better, nevertheless for the sake of others willing to remain in the body. For him to live was Christ, to die was gain. He has fought a good fight, finished his course, he has kept the faith and today we sincerely rejoice with him in the crown of life.

He died Sunday morning, October 9th at 2:30 o'clock, at the Bozeman Deaconess Hospital where every comfort and kindly ministry of wife and friends known to human devotion was given him.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Annie J. James and by two sons by former marriage, Charles and Merrill James of Livingston. He also leaves a step son, Howard Cornish of Hamilton, Montana, and step daughter, Mrs. Robt. B. Smith of Park City, Montana.

The funeral services were held on Wednesday, October 12, at 2:00 o'clock in the Methodist Church in Livingston. The church was crowded to the doors with towns-people and especially the members of the Knights of Pythias. Most of the stores in Livingston were closed during the services. Several of the ministers of the Montana Conference attended the funeral. Bishop Burns was present and paid a beautiful tribute to the life and ministry of the Methodist preacher as exemplified by Brother James. Others taking part in the services were District Superintendent H. G. Humphrey, Charles L. Bovard, Rev. Geo. D. Wolfe, Rev. Edward Smith, Rev. R. P. Smith and Rev. John Chirgwin. The body was laid to rest in the cemetery of Livingston and the burial service was in charge of the Rev. H. K. Holtzinger, present pastor of the Methodist Church at Livingston.

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The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. E. C. Alford, assisted by C. B. Sanders of Newberg, several of the neighbors also took part, and the music was beautiful and appropriate. Many and beautiful were the flower tributes and words of tender love to her memory, although she had been in the new surroundings for so short a time.

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Reverend James Hughes, who was supply for Ronan Charge 1919-1920 also passed away after a few days illness, in Ronan, within a few weeks of the death of Brother Glasgow. He had been a long time minister in Iowa, Canada and elsewhere. He was a fine scholar and loved to delve into the deeper doctrinal teachings of the Bible. He will be missed by a wide circle of friends.

The Reverend W. A. Parkinson, an attendant of the last session of our conference and pastor of a number of charges within the bounds of our conference—his last pastorate with us being Mt. Bethel and Wesley Chapel, Butte, Montana—passed to his reward as a result of an accidental burning at Columbus, N. M. where he was stationed after his transfer from our conference last year. His death took place June 21, 1922. Brother Parkinson was a faithful pastor and no interest of the church was neglected by him. Scores of people wherever he served will rise to call him blessed. His district superintendent reports the people in his new field as greatly attached to him.

Emma Lou Elizabeth Peck, the adopted daughter of Rev. and Mrs. A. T. Peck of Reed Point passed away last Easter day, April 16th. She was a bright, happy, lovable child of four years and was dearly loved by all who knew her. Her delight was to sing—"Jesus Loves me this I know". Her memory text which she often repeated was "When I am afraid I will trust in the Lord."

With the hope of prolonging the child's life, Mrs. Peck took her to the California Coast. Everything possible was done for her recovery. The funeral was held in Park City, Thursday, April 27th. Brief talks were made by Rev. George Wolfe, Rev. Chas. D. Crouch, Rev. G. J. S. Abels and Rev. H. G. Humphrey.

XIII

Roll of the Dead

OUR HONORED DEAD.

Name	Joined Mont. Conf.	Died	Place of Burial
1—Adams, C. P.	1912	1914	Sumatra
2—Bennett, J. W.	1887	1913	Missoula
3—Berk, Alexis	1896	1896	Unknown
4—Canfield, Wm.	1891	1892	Virginia City
5—Clampitt, H. P.	1887	1888	Butte
6—Comfort, George	1887	1908	Lanesboro, Pa.
7—Duncan, Hugh	1887	1887	Sheridan
8—Garvin, Thomas	1893	1901	Loyalton, Cal.
9—Hall, Marion J.	1887	1905	Los Angeles, Cal.
10—Hall, William	1887	1898	Pine Creek
11—James, Henry A.	1895	1921	Livingston
12—Jenkins, G. W.	1888	1901	Philipsburg
13—Lowry, Phillip	1888	1896	Anacōnda
14—Mickel, L. H.	1892	1910	Bozeman
15—Miller, C. F.	1897	1909	Billings
16—Raleigh, A. D.	1887	1908	Helena
17—Rodger, Allan	1891	1904	Great Falls
18—Snider, Samuel E.	1885	1921	Virginia
19—Snyder, Wm. E.	1889	1915	Roseburg, Ore.
20—Taft, H. S.	1889	1899	Columbia Falls
21—Tait, J. W.	1889	1918	Anaconda
22—Van Scoy, Thomas	1898	1901	Helena
23—Ware, I. S.	1904	1915	Bozeman
24—Warman, Henry	1892	1903	Glendive
25—Whiteley, Jno. M.	1909	1919	Glendive

In case of misinformation, corrections will be welcomed by the Secretary.

XIV

Conference Sessions

ROCKY MOUNTAIN CONFERENCE

Yr.	DAY	PLACE	BISHOP	SECRETARY
1872	August	2 Salt Lake City, Utah..	Foster	J. M. Jameson
1873	July	31 Salt Lake City, Utah..	Peck	D. G. Strong
1874	August	13 Salt Lake City, Utah..	Bowman	D. G. Strong
1875	August	12 Salt Lake City, Utah..	Haven	D. G. Strong
1876	July	27 Helena, Mont	Harris	F. A. Riggan

MONTANA MISSION

1877	August	2 Bozeman	Bowman	L. W. B. Long
1878	August	2 Virginia City	Andrews	Hugh Duncan
1879	July	3 Butte	Merrill	W. C. Shippen
1880	July	23 Virginia City	Wiley	George Comfort
1881	July	21 Helena	Wiley	George Comfort
1882	July	21 Bozeman	Hurst	George Comfort
1883	August	15 Butte	Wiley	George Comfort
1884	September	25 Helena	Fowler	George Comfort
1885	July	9 Dillon	Walden	George Comfort
1886	July	8 Bozeman	Harris	W. A. Shannon

MONTANA CONFERENCE

1887	August	17 Butte	Foster	W. A. Shannon
1888	July	12 Missoula	Joyce	George Comfort
1889	July	4 Helena	Goodsell	George C. Stull
1890	July	24 Livingston	Vincent	George C. Stull
1891	July	20 Great Falls	Bowman	George C. Stull
1892	August	4 Anaconda	Walden	George C. Stull
1893	August	10 Bozeman	Fowler	George C. Stull
1894	August	9 Butte, Mountain View	Joyce	Phillip Lowry
1895	August	22 Helena, St. Paul's	Ninde	Phillip Lowry
1896	August	13 Dillon	Warren	Phillip Lowry
1897	August	13 Butte, Trinity	Cranston	George D. King
1898	August	11 Anaconda	Mallalieu	George D. King
1899	August	9 Livingston	Joyce	George D. King
1900	August	8 Helena St. Paul's	Fowler	George D. King
1901	August	7 Missoula	Fowler	George D. King
1902	August	7 Bozeman	Merrill	L. H. Mikel
1903	August	13 Livingston	McCabe	L. H. Mikel
1904	August	24 Butte, Grace	Berry	L. H. Mikel
1905	August	16 Dillon	Moore	L. H. Mikel
1906	August	16 Billings	Cranston	L. H. Mikel
1907	August	21 Anaconda	Moore	George D. King
1908	August	20 Miles City	McDowell	George D. King
1909	August	23 Butte, Mountain View	Spellmeyer	C. E. Miller
1910	August	24 Helena, St. Paul's	McIntyre	George D. King
1911	August	21 Billings	Nielsen	Edward L. Mills
1912	August	21 Missoula	Luccock	Paul M. Adams
1913	August	20 Bozeman	Luccock	Paul M. Adams
1914	August	26 Forsyth	Luccock	Paul M. Adams
1915	August	18 Butte	McConnell	Paul M. Adams
1916	August	16 Livingston	Cooke	Paul M. Adams
1917	August	22 Billings	Hamilton	Paul M. Adams
1918	August	21 Dillon	Shepard	Jno. M. Whitley
1919	August	20 Glendive	Cooke	Charles Rhodes
1920	August	23 Helena, St. Paul's	Burns	Charles Rhodes
1921	August	24 Miles City	Burns	Charles Rhodes
1922	August	30 Missoula	Mead	Charles Rhodes

XV

**Miscellaneous
GOVERNING LAWS****Articles of Incorporation of the Conference of the Methodist
Episcopal Church of Montana.****EXHIBIT "A"**

"Resolved that the Trustees of this Conference, to-wit: L. H. Mickel, S. A. Oliver and Jacob Mills, be and are hereby authorized to incorporate this Conference, and for that purpose to file with the proper officer articles of incorporation, as required by law."

We, the President and Secretary of the Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Montana, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Montana, at a regular meeting thereof, held in the city of Helena, Mont., on the twenty-sixth of August, 1910, and we do further certify that said resolution was adopted by the unanimous vote of the members of said Conference then present.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands, this twenty-sixth day of August, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and ten.

ROBERT McINTYRE, President.

Attest: GEO. D. KING, Secretary.

State of Montana, County of Lewis and Clark—ss.

We, L. H. Mickel, S. A. Oliver and Jacob Mills, Trustees of the Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Montana, do by these presents, pursuant to and in conformity with the laws of the State of Montana, and pursuant to, and as authorized by a resolution, duly passed and adopted by said Conference, certified copy of which resolution is hereto attached marked "Exhibit A", and hereby referred to as and made a part thereof, and for the purpose of incorporating said Conference agree upon and adopt the following:

Articles of Incorporation.

First: The name of said corporation is hereby declared to be THE CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF MONTANA.

Second: The purposes for which said corporation is organized are to supervise, superintend and promote the organization, co-operation, activities, maintenance, and work of local churches and organizations of the Methodist Episcopal Church within the boundaries and jurisdiction of said Conference as now established, and as the same may from time to time be established, changed, modified, and maintained; to maintain, carry on, and conduct the preaching and dissemination of the gospel of Jesus Christ within the boundaries and jurisdiction of said Conference, and throughout the world, and to that end co-operate with other conferences, associations, and institutions; to establish, erect, maintain, carry on and conduct and aid in establishing, erecting, maintaining, carrying on, and conducting schools, colleges, universities, hospitals, and other eleemosynary, benevolent, charitable, and religious institutions and enterprises; to receive devises, bequests, legacies, donations, and funds and accept and discharge trusts and agencies for or on behalf of, or in aid of, any and all such or similar institutions, enterprises, and causes, and generally

to do and perform any and all things that may be convenient or proper in promoting, maintaining and furthering all benevolent, charitable, and religious works, enterprises and measures authorized or that may be authorized by the general or local laws, rules, and regulations of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and to purchase or otherwise acquire, and to sell, or otherwise dispose of, and encumber such property, real, personal, and mixed, as may from time to time be necessary, proper, or convenient for the purpose or any of the purposes aforesaid.

Third: The number of trustees of said corporation for the first year of the corporate existence of such corporation is three.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We hereunto set our hands the twenty-sixth day of August, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and ten.

L. H. MICKEL,
S. A. OLIVER,
JACOB MILLS.

State of Montana.
County of Lewis and Clark.

On this twenty-sixth day of August, in the year nineteen hundred and ten, before me, Messena Bullar, a Notary Public for the State of Montana, personally appeared L. H. Mickel, S. A. Oliver, and Jacob Mills, known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Notarial Seal, the day and year in this certificate first above written.

MESSENA BULLARD,
Notary Public for the State of Montana, residing at Helena, Mont. My
commission expires January 23, 1912.

BY-LAWS OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF MONTANA.

Article I.

The Board of Trustees—The Board of Trustees, after the first year, shall number not less than three nor more than seven, all of whom reside within the bounds of the said Conference and shall be over twenty-one years of age, a majority of whom shall be members of the said Conference; the minority shall be lay members of the said church; all of whom shall be chosen by the Annual Conference of the said Church. The financial and secular business of the corporation shall be under their management.

Article II.

Officers of the Board of Trustees—The officers of the Board of Trustees shall consist of a President, Secretary, and Treasurer, all of whom shall be elected annually by ballot at the first meeting of the Board of Trustees after election of members by the Annual Conference and whose term of office will terminate at the election and qualification of their successors.

Article III.

Duties of Officers—Section 1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside when present at all meetings of the Board of Trustees, appoint committees, call special meetings of the Board of Trustees as occasion may require, sign orders on the Treasurer for the payment

of money and during the interim between meetings have general supervision of the affairs of the Board of Trustees, and to execute all legal papers on behalf of the corporation as provided by law.

Sec. 2. The duties of the Vice-President shall be to preside at all meetings of the Board of Trustees in the absence of the President and perform all other duties of the President in his absence.

Sec. 3. The duties of the Secretary shall be to keep a correct journal of the proceedings of all meetings of the Board of Trustees in a record book provided for that purpose and to take charge of and preserve all papers and documents belonging to his office, and to attest all legal papers of the corporation. He shall deliver to his legal successor or to the Board of Trustees when requested all books and papers of the corporation. He shall deliver to his legal successor or to the Board of Trustees when requested all books and papers in his possession belonging to said Board.

Sec. 4. The duties of the Treasurer shall be to receive and take charge of, under the direction of the Board of Trustees, all moneys received by the corporation and to pay out the same on the order of the President. He shall also keep an account of all moneys received by him, showing from what source received, and of all moneys paid out by him and render a full report of the transactions of the financial condition of his office to the Board of Trustees at its annual meeting, and at such other times as he may be directed by said board. He shall furnish, if required, by the Board of Trustees, before receiving any of the funds of the Conference, a fidelity bond in such amount as the Board of Trustees may direct from time to time, to cover the faithful performance of his duties. These bonds shall be made payable to the Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Montana, and shall be executed by some responsible bonding company approved by the Board of Trustees, and the cost of said bonds shall be paid by this corporation. All moneys received by the Treasurer shall be deposited forthwith by him in some bank or other institution of deposit, subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees and he shall furnish a certified duplicate certificate of deposit to the chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees for each deposit as soon as made.

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NAME OF CHARGE	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP										Sunday Schools			Epw'rth League		Church Property						List No.
	Baptisms		Prep. Mem.	Full Memb'rs			Officers and Teachers	Total Enroll- m't all depts.	Av. Attendance All Grades	Senior Mem- bers	Junior Mem- bers	Church Bldgs.	Estimated Val. Land & Bldgs.	Parsonages	Estimated Val. Land & Bldgs.	Paid for bldg & Imp. on Chs. & Parsonages	Paid on old in- d'bt'dn'ss, Chs & P'rs'n'ges	Pr's'nt Debt on Churches and Parsonages	Current Ex- penses			
	Adults Baptized	Children Baptized		Bap. Ch'ld'r under inst.	Received during yr.	Now on Roll														Full M'b'rs now on roll	Non-resid'nt Members		Deaths During Yr.
	Local Preachers, No. on Charge.																					
Anaconda	11	15	21	21	24	252	126	4	1	21	260	163	19	25	6500	132		2100	1146	1		
Avon		2			1	12	9		1	3	30	18								2		
Big Blackfoot		2				17			2	8	67	27				130		400	350	3		
Butte, Grace	3	5	60	51	23	550	37	1	1	20	283	155	27	56	7000	1059		2800	3247	4		
Mountain View			12			106		3	1	52	701	356	75	118	5000	73	140		490	5		
Trinity	3	13	12			116	19	3	1	23	201	135	16	65	2500	40			280	6		
Mt. Bethel		4	12			49	32		1	17	154	85	30		1250				90	7		
Silver Bow		3	20			12	5		1	8	98	75	36	45		337			516	8		
Unity	10	9	6	15	10	117		1	1	14	146	110							40	9		
Wesley		1		21	1	36	1	1	1	10	92	58	30							10		
Clancy and Jefferson						36	5		1	7	75	25	30		1100	100	215		40	11		
Dillon	15	28				230	100	4	2	24	300	175			5000	150			400	12		
Dillon Circuit									1	5	40	29			1500				25	13		
Drummond and Hall	1	11		1	1	75	20		2	20	150	75			2000	600			2500	14		
Hamilton and Sula	1	15	14	14		127	4		1	20	135	78	20	35	2500	70			2700	15		
Helena, Oakes Street	5	2			15	71	5		1	11	138	60	17	48	2500	581			219	16		
St. Paul's	6	11		3		396		3	1	32	382	173	68		6000	70			1648	17		
McAllister		2			4	38	6		3	12	100	60			2000				992	18		
Missoula	1	10	25	29	19	588	30	5	1	42	689	350	48	50	5000	1200			6000	19		
Philipsburg	1	18	7	7	7	40	5		1	13	160	62	18	12	1000	120			1028	20		
Ronan and Round Butte	1	1			28	81	10		2	21	181	97	35	25	700				173	21		
St. Ignatius		1				18	14		1	10	75	45							575	22		
Sheridan and Ruby	1	3		3	8	45	10	1	1	10	100	75	8		2350	800			300	23		
Stevensville						137			1	11	85	50	30		3000	85			125	24		
Superior and Alberton	2	9		2	2	39	1		2	12	80	62			1500				150	25		
Thompson and Plains	2	2		7	7	36			2	16	187	105	50	15	2500	110	100		1130	26		
Three Forks		2				28			2	12	97	65			4000	150			1400	27		
Townsend and Radersburg	1	1			14	68	8	1	1	12	185	104			2000				170	28		
Twin Bridges						40	10		2	15	23	15	10		1500			350	40	29		
Whitehall	4	10	6	3	9	40	2		2	12	153	107		40	2000		200		650	30		
Winston and Marysville		7	7	5	7	27			1	6	50	24			500				325	31		
Total 1922	16	66	233	190	189	3427	459	27	41	491	5417	3018	457	630	27	70900	5807	655	26749	32		
Total 1921	17	71	270	252	199	3374	486	30	46	513	5773	2948	504	446	27	63500	12501	3476	43819	33		
Increase	1	5	37	62	10	70	27	3	5	22	356	70		184	1	7400	6694	2821	17070	34		
Decrease													47							35		

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT

List No.	NAMES OF CHURCHES	NAMES OF PASTORS	Support of Pastor			Support District Supt.		Support of Bishops		Support Conf. Cl'm'nts		Total Paid for Minist'r'l Sup.	Tot'l Defic'ncy
			Total Claim Inc. House Rent	Total Paid Inc. House Rent	Rental Val. of P'rsn'ge	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid		
1	Ashland and Birney	L. D. Harris	800	800	300	50	50	16	16	30	30	896	
2	Baker	George D. Wolfe	3500	3500	500	300	300	78	78	180	180	4058	
3	Billings												
4	Bloomfield Circuit	R. P. Smith	3000	3000	500	250	250	56	57	150	150	3457	
5	Bozeman	H. E. Chappell	1420	1420	420	100	100	20	20	60	60	1600	
6	Bridger	Forrest Tibbitts	440	440	240	20	20	4	4	12	12	236	
7	Clyde Park												
8	Comanche Circuit	Gerard J. S. Abels	1250	1250	250	100	100	28	28	60	60	1438	
9	Fairview	Harry M. Cooper	1600	1600	300	130	130	30	30	78	78	1838	
10	Forsyth	Fred Whitford	3000	3000	600	240	240	54	54	144	144	3438	
11	Glendive	John G. Ross	1500	1500	250	125	125	25	10	75	10	1645	80
12	Fromberg	A. C. Baer	2900	1500	600	230	230	52	52	138	138	3320	
13	Hardin	John A. Meeke	1500	1337	300	120	101	27	21	72	59	1518	
14	Huntley and Worden	Louis Ortmayer	700	600		70	50	14	3	36	18	668	
15	Ingomar Circuit	W. C. Smith	300	162		30	16	6		18	10	191	
16	Joliet	Walter Lee Greer	1800	1453	300	150	115	36	26	90	67	1661	
17	Laurel	E. D. Swisher	2360	2360	360	200	200	53	53	120	120	2733	
18	Livingston	H. K. Holtzinger	3100	2650	400	270	210	54	42	162	126	2978	
19	Miles City	Thomas Hardie	880	640	180	70	36	19	19	42	16	713	
20	Park City	Gerard J. S. Abels	1600	1395	200	140	119	31	26	84	71	1611	
21	Pine Creek	F. M. Latham	1000	900	200	70	60	15	15	42	24	799	
22	Reed Point and Fish Tail	A. T. Peck	1700	1700	300	140	140	32	32	84	84	1956	
23	Red Lodge and Luther	F. C. Fulford	720	720	120	60	60	13	13	36	36	829	
24	Roberts and Boyd	Walter Lee Greer	1030	710	180	60	30	27	27	78	72	740	
25	Richey and Sacred Heights	F. H. Urwin	1900	1800	600	130	120	18	18	48	48	2019	
26	Sidney	A. D. Welch	980	919	180	80	80					1065	
27	Wibaux	W. H. Calvert	1800	1450	300							1450	
28	Wilsall	Cecil G. Hannan											
29		Totals for 1922	40780	38206	7580	3135	2882	708	644	1839	1613	42857	3121
30		Totals for 1921	42107	39747	7360	3500	3241	770	685	2091	1806	44688	2730
31		Increase			220								391
32		Decrease	1327	1541		365	359	62	41	252	193	1831	

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1	Butte	Chas. L. Bovard	35841	33253	5956	2884	2758	748	692	1741	1644	38380	1479
2	Yellowstone	R. C. Edgington	10780	38206	7580	3135	2882	708	644	1839	1613	42857	3121
3		Grand Totals for 1922	76621	71459	13536	6019	5640	1456	1336	3580	3257	81237	4600
4		Grand Totals for 1921	81287	77391	11270	6674	6216	1421	1311	3981	3582	87595	4991
5		Increase						35	25				
6		Decrease	4666	5932	734	655	576			401	325	6358	391

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Butte	16	66	233	190	189	183	3427	459	27	41	491	5417	3018	457	630	48	305	350	27	70900	5807	655	5650	1	26749
Yellowstone	12	92	218	313	243	218	3635	645	26	47	529	5469	3009	487	299	32	292	400	21	64350	6537	3341	21614	2	33639
Grand Totals for 1922	28	158	451	503	432	401	7062	1104	53	88	1020	10886	6027	944	929	80	597	750	48	135250	12344	3996	27264	3	60388
Grand Totals for 1921	32	213	539	392	465	470	6995	1120	59	98	1077	11567	6063	1020	708	80	575	400	50	131400	16899	12039	25761	4	103507
Increase				111			67								221		223	50		3850			1502	5	1502

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12	Fromberg	John A. Meeke	2900	2900	600	230	230	52	52	138	138	3320				
13	Hardin	Louis Ortmayer	1500	1337	300	120	101	27	21	72	59	1518	201			
14	Huntley and Worden	W. C. Smith	700	600		70	50	14		36	18	668	152			
15	Ingomar Circuit	Walter Lee Greer	300	162		30	16	6	3	18	10	191	163			
16	Joliet	E. D. Swisher	1800	1453	300	150	115	36	26	90	67	1661	415			
17	Laurel	H. K. Holtzinger	2360	2360	360	200	200	53	53	120	120	2732				
18	Livingston	Thomas Hardie	3100	2650	400	270	210	54	42	162	126	2978	558			
19	Miles City	Gerard J. S. Abels	880	640	180	70	36	19	19	42	16	713	298			
20	Park City	F. M. Latham	1600	1395	200	140	119	31	26	84	71	1611	244			
21	Pine Creek	A. T. Peck	1000	900	200	70	60	15	15	42	24	799	128			
22	Reed Point and Fish Tail	F. C. Fulford	1700	1700	300	140	140	32	32	84	84	1956				
23	Red Lodge and Luther	Walter Lee Greer	720	720	120	60	60	13	13	36	36	829				
24	Roberts and Boyd	F. H. Urwin	1030	710	180	60	30					740	355			
25	Richey and Sacred Heights	A. D. Welch	1900	1800	600	130	120	27	27	78	72	2019	116			
26	Sidney	W. H. Calvert	980	919	180	80	80	18	18	48	48	1065	61			
27	Wibaux															
28	Wilsall	Cecil G. Hannan	1800	1450	300							1450	350			
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		Baptisms		Prep. Mem.	Full Memb'rs		Deaths during Yr.	Sunday Sch'ls...	Officers and Teachers	Total Enroll- m't all depts.	Av. attendance All Grades	Senior Mem- bers	Junior Mem- bers	Church Bldgs...	Estimated Val. Land & Bldgs.	Parsonages	Estimated Val. Land & Bldgs.	Paid for bldg & Imp. on Chs. & Parsonages	Paid on old In- d'bt'n'ss, Chs. & P'rs'n'ges	Pr's'nt Debt on Churches and Parsonages	Current Ex- penses			
		Adults Baptized	Children Baptized		Bap. Ch'ld'n Under inst.	Received during yr.																Now on Roll	Full M'b'rs on Roll	Non-resid'nt Members
1	Ashland and Birney																					85		
2	Baker	3	5	45	100	4	4	4	2	19	219	145	35	40	1	80000	1	3000	200	375	7500	5540		
3	Billings																							
4	Bloomfield Circuit																							
5	Bozeman		3	5	9	47	1	2	8	11	313	145	45		1	20000	1	2000	335			1709		
6	Bridger																					295		
7	Clyde Park																					20		
8	Comanche Circuit																							
9	Fairview	1	16	9	10	12	6	1	8	6	39	38	33	12	2	1800	1	1200	100		475	250		
10	Forsyth																					662		
11	Glendive																					702		
12	Fromberg																					3500		
13	Hardin	1	8	11	23	22	30	116	38	15	170	87	17	31	2	5600	1	3000	150	35	500	4137		
14	Huntley and Worden																					340		
15	Ingomar Circuit																					25		
16	Joliet																					203		
17	Laurel																					1933		
18	Livingston																					1050		
19	Miles City																					6500		
20	Park City																					108		
21	Pine Creek	1																				2015		
22	Reed Point and Fish Tail																					100		
23	Red Lodge and Luther																					2005		
24	Roberts and Boyd																					979		
25	Richey and Sacred Heights																					740		
26	Sidney	2	4	3	3	3	26	134	10	1	120	61	18	21	1	2000	1	6000	100	300	1000	150		
27	Wibaux																					141		
28	Wilsall	3	4	3	8	4	1	64	10	2	147	55	9		2	3500	1	1000	200	1950	300	300		
29	Totals for 1922	12	92	218	313	243	218	3635	645	26	47	529	5469	3009	487	299	32	292400	21	64350	6537	3341	21614	33639
30	Totals for 1921	15	142	269	140	266	217	3621	634	29	52	564	5794	3115	525	262	33	271700	23	67900	4398	8563	23511	59688
31	Increase																						31	
32	Decrease	3	50	51	23		1	14	11	3	5	35	325	106	38		2	3550		5222	1897		26049	

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Decrease		RECAPITULATION—MONTANA CONFERENCE FOR 1921																				1			
		16	66	233	190	189	183	3427	459	27	41	491	5417	3018	457	630	48	305350	27	70900	5807	655	5650	26749	
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		1	28	158	451	503	432	401	7062	1104	53	88	1020	10886	6027	944	929	80	597750	48	135250	12344	3996	27264	60388
		3	32	213	539	392	465	470	6995	1120	59	98	1077	11567	6063	1020	708	80	575400	50	131400	16899	12039	25761	103507
		4	4	55	88	111	33	69	67	16	6	10	57	681	36	76	221	22350	2	3850	4555	8043	1503	43119	43119
		5																							
		6																							

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS—BUTTE DISTRICT

List No.	NAME OF CHARGE	SUNDAY SCHOOLS												List No.
		Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Sch'l'rs, not inc. H. Dep. C. R'll	Members in Home Dept.	Children on Cradle Roll	Total Enrollm't all Depts.	Avg. Attendance all Grds.	Offic'rs, Tchrs. Mbrs. or Prep	Scholars, Mbrs. or Preparatory	Accessions frm Sun. School	Paid by S. S. to Centenary	S. S. Exp. Les. L'v's Bks. etc.	
1	Anaconda	1	21	240	12	8	260	163	21	108	28	312	158	1
2	Avon	1	3	30			30	18	2					2
3	Big Blackfoot	2	8	45	22		67	27			5	7		3
4	Butte, Grace	1	17	260		23	283	155	20	24	7	203	250	4
5	Mountain View	1	52	487	60	102	701	356	52	240	29	353	348	5
6	Trinity	1	23	154		24	201	135	21	35	7	120	224	6
7	Mt. Bethel	1	17	112	25	17	171	85	17	25		25	75	7
8	Silver Bow	1	8	98			98	75				37	150	8
9	Unity	1	14	146			160	110	14		10	65	150	9
10	Wesley	1	10	92		21	123	58	9		21	42	62	10
11	Clancy and Jefferson	1	7	36	12	6	61	25	5	10		10	42	11
12	Dillon	2	24	300	20	48	368	175	22	70	15	80	180	12
13	Dillon Circuit	1	5	40			40	29						13
14	Drummond and Hall	2	20	130		20	150	75	20	25		28	85	14
15	Hamilton and Sula	1	20	115		20	135	78	20	49	13	85	115	15
16	Helena, Oakes Street	1	11	78	35	19	138	60	11	39		60	97	16
17	St. Paul's	1	33	350	12	20	382	173	32	200	5	94	400	17
18	McAllister	3	12	86		2	100	60	7	4		15	67	18
19	Missoula	1	42	590	30	27	689	350	42	340	25	190	657	19
20	Phillipsburg	1	13	114	6	27	160	62	13	25	2	51	75	20
21	Ronan and Round Butte	2	21	136	12	12	181	97				23	165	21
22	St. Ignatius	1	10	65			75	45	5	3		55	80	22
23	Sheridan and Ruby	1	10	90			100	75	10	25	3	100	80	23
24	Stevensville	1	11	67		7	85	50	11	33		36	59	24
25	Superior and Alberton	2	12	62		18	92	62	12	1	1	44	56	25
26	Thompson and Plains	2	16	146		25	187	105	10	7	9	34	92	26
27	Three Forks	1	12	75		10	97	65	7	10		36	50	27
28	Townsend and Radersburg	2	15	170			185	104	15	35		55	70	28
29	Twin Bridges	1	3	23			23	15	3				30	29
30	Whitehall	2	12	153	10	5	153	107	12	21	2	61	120	30
31	Winston and Marysville	1	6	50			50	21	6	10	7	15	8	31
32	Totals for 1922	41	488	4540	256	461	5545	3018	419	1339	189	2239	3945	32
33	Totals for 1921	46	521	4720	226	425	5792	3088	417	1171	127	1705	4730	33
34	Increase				30	36			2	168	62	534		34
34	Decrease	5	33	180			247	70					785	35

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS—YELLOWSTONE DISTRICT

List No.	NAME OF CHARGE	SUNDAY SCHOOLS											List No.	
		Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Sch'l'rs, not inc H. Dep. C. R'l	Members in Home Dept.	Children on Cradle Roll	Total Enrollm't all Depts.	Avg. Attendance all Grds.	Offic'rs, Tchrs Mbrs. or Prep	Scholars, Mbrs. or Preparatory	Accessions f'rm Sun. School....	Paid by S. S. to Centenary..		S. S. Exp. Les. L'v's Bks. etc.
1	Ashland and Birney	3	19	219		225	865	145	6		3	65	125	1
2	Baker	1	50	640				365	50		50	400	754	2
3	Billings	3	11	90										3
4	Bloomfield Circuit	1	23	288		25	313	145	23	160	4	564	277	4
5	Bozeman	1	17	100		20	137	78	9	10	2	42	120	5
6	Bridger	1	6				39	38	2			33	20	6
7	Clyde Park	1	5	40			45	35	4	3		16		7
8	Comanche Circuit	1	24	231			255	175	20	110	18	70	175	8
9	Fairview	3	15	155	5	10	185	87	15	20	9	166	200	9
10	Forsyth	1	35	259	15	42	354	199	23	97	21	338	236	10
11	Glendive	1	20	170	7	12	189	110	11	10	5	75	110	11
12	Fromberg	2	28	280		20	300	220	22	140	20	100	200	12
13	Hardin	3	40	232		22	300	184	22	40	7	76	90	13
14	Huntley and Worden	3	17	120		22	140	90	10	22	1	38	60	14
15	Ingomar Circuit	2												15
16	Joliet													16
17	Laurel	1	14	106		21	141	80	9	26	14	63	107	17
18	Livingston	1	22	278	10	40	350	165	22	117	15	257	250	18
19	Miles City	1	32	326	25	55	406	280	31	110		120	285	19
20	Park City	1	10	56			66	57	5	8		51	102	20
21	Pine Creek	1	14	65		25	90	33	12	40		15	80	21
22	Reed Point and Fish Tail	4	18	130			130	85	5	6	3		114	22
23	Red Lodge and Luther	2	18	195		25	220	110	15	38	5	100	175	23
24	Roberts and Boyd	2	10	85		18	103	49	7	14	6		100	24
25	Richey and Sacred Heights	2	27	80			80	45	20		25		75	25
26	Sidney	1	14	110		10	120	61	13	45	2	60	102	26
27	Wibaux	1	14	105		28	147	55	13	53	4	68	48	27
28	Wilsall	3	29	171		20	220	108	17	46	16	20	175	28
29	Totals for 1922	46	532	4531	62	640	5195	2999	386	1390	230	2737	3980	29
30	Totals for 1921	52	563	4865	14	536	5704	3115	391	1231	254	2656	4211	30
31	Increase				48	104				159		81		31
32	Decrease	6	31	334			509	116	5		24		231	32

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NAME OF CHARGE	List No.	Disciplinary Benevolences					Benevolences								Other Cash Items				Gr. Total Inc. D. and A. Conf. Ben. etc.	List No.			
		Centenary	B'd Edu: Children's day fund	Woman's For. Miss Society	Woman's Home Miss. Society	Total Dis. Benevolences	Edu. End'wm'ts Bldgs., etc	Hospital	Sust. Fund	Near East Relief	Mont. Deac'n'ss School	State Epw. League	Am. White Cross	Other Benevolences	Total Benevolences	Support of Dist. Supt.	Support of Bishops	Support of Conf. Cl'm'nts			Gen. Conf. Ex.		
1 Ashland and Birney	1																					1	
2 Baker	2	169				169	5								5	50	16	30			270	2	
3 Billings	3	3702	22	1036	438	5198	407	2600						225	3252	300	78	180			9008	3	
4 Bloomfield Circuit	4																					4	
5 Bozeman	5	1217		223		1440	546	1750							2334	250	57	150			4231	5	
6 Bridger	6	219	8			227	82	330							412	100	20	60			819	6	
7 Clyde Park	7	38	8			38										20	4	12			74	7	
8 Comanche Circuit	8																					8	
9 Fairview	9	326				326	263	328							816	100	28	60			1330	9	
10 Forsyth	10	486	8			496		1301							1524	130	29	78	5		2262	10	
11 Glendive	11	1410	10	13	85	1518	23	100			350	30	635		1138	240	54	144	6		3100	11	
12 Fromberg	12	238	8			246	5	145							150	125	5	15			541	12	
13 Hardin	13	432	6			438									130	230	52	138			988	13	
14 Huntley and Worden	14	344	20			364	46	64							110	101	21	59			655	14	
15 Ingomar Circuit	15	118				118										50					168	15	
16 Joliet	16	14				14		110							110	16	3	10			153	16	
17 Laurel	17	282	18	140		440	745	250							995	114	26	67			1642	17	
18 Livingston	18	1105		164		1269	175	30							205	200	53	120			1847	18	
19 Miles City	19	1161		14		1175		1160							1160	210	42	126			2713	19	
20 Park City	20	47	4			51	60	121							181	36	10	27			306	20	
21 Pine Creek	21	248	4			252		500					21		521	119	26	71			989	21	
22 Reed Point Circuit	22	10	5			15									5	60	15	24			119	22	
23 Red Lodge	23	900	10	25		935	27	87		5	12	275	34		445	140	32	84	5		1641	23	
24 Roberts and Boyd	24	132	2			134										60	13	36			243	24	
25 Richey Circuit	25															30					30	25	
26 Sidney	26	245				245							334		334	120	27	72			798	26	
27 Wibaux	27	202				202	25								25	80	18	48			373	27	
28 Wilsall	28	101	11			112											14	14			126	28	
29 Totals for 1922	29	13154	144	1617	523	15438	2409	8876	5	15	625	120	1577	225	13852	2881	629	1625	16		34441	29	
30 Totals for 1921	30	13919	351	949	526	15745	3612	2659	313	1332	391	90	1577	329	8726	3233	686	1806	67		30423	30	
31 Increase	31			668				6217			234	30			5126						4018	31	
32 Decrease	32	765	207		3	207			308	1317				104		352	57	171	51				32

RECAPITULATION. MONTANA CONFERENCE FOR 1922

1 Butte	1	18883	183	2034	1048	22148	3648	2926	25		2907	264		92	9862	2773	679	1647	46	37157	1
2 Yellowstone	2	13154	144	1617	523	15438	2409	8876	5	15	625	120	1577	225	13852	2881	629	1625	16	34441	2
3 Totals for 1922	3	32037	327	3651	1571	37586	6057	11802	30	15	3532	384	1577	317	23714	5654	1308	3272	62	71598	3
4 Totals for 1921	4	33116	587	3686	1441	38830	21527	10035	604	2715	311	308		1295	38570	6238	1312	3582	129	88846	4
5 Increase	5				130			1767	574		3221	76	1577								5
6 Decrease	6	1079	260	35		1244	15470			2700				978	14866	588	4	310	67	17248	6

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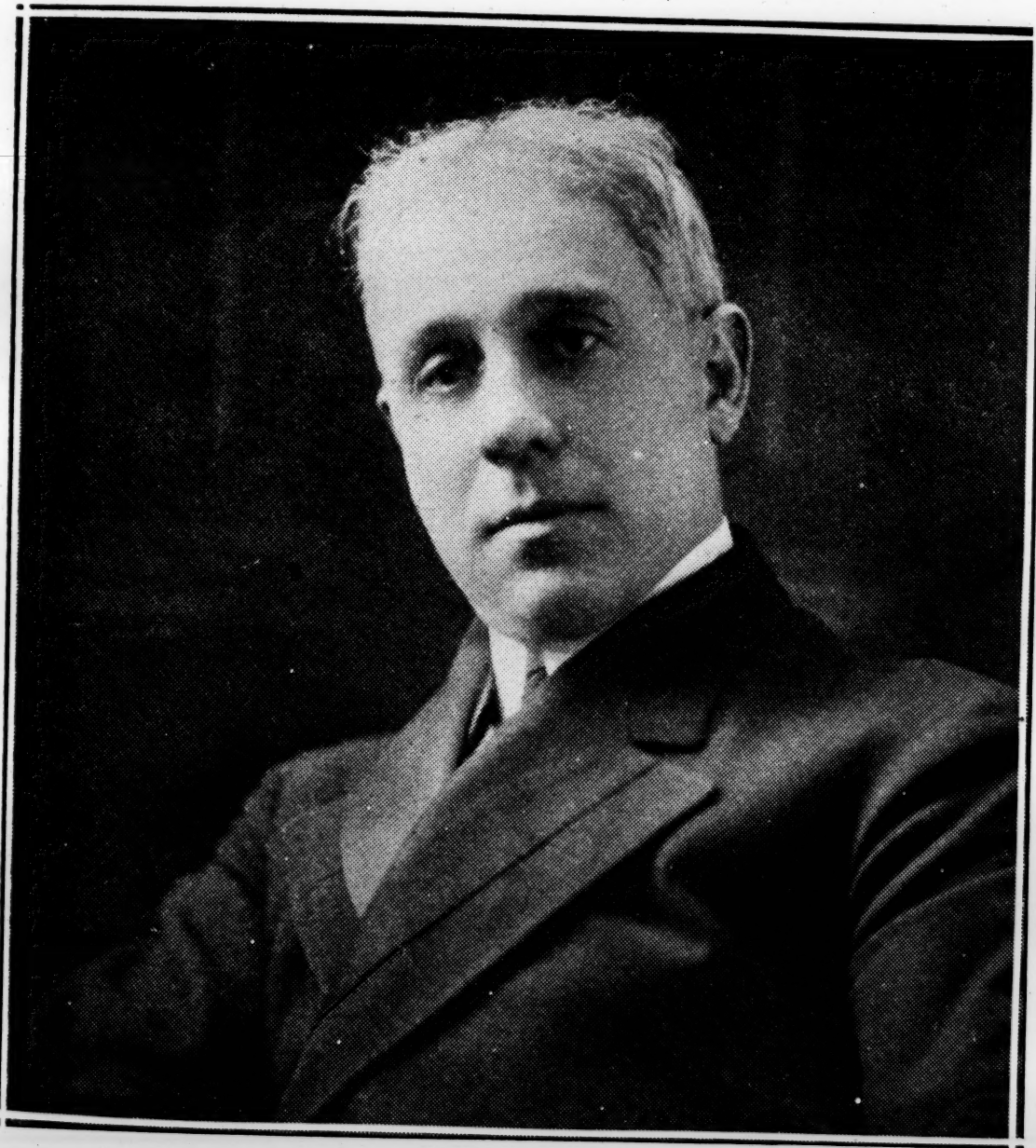
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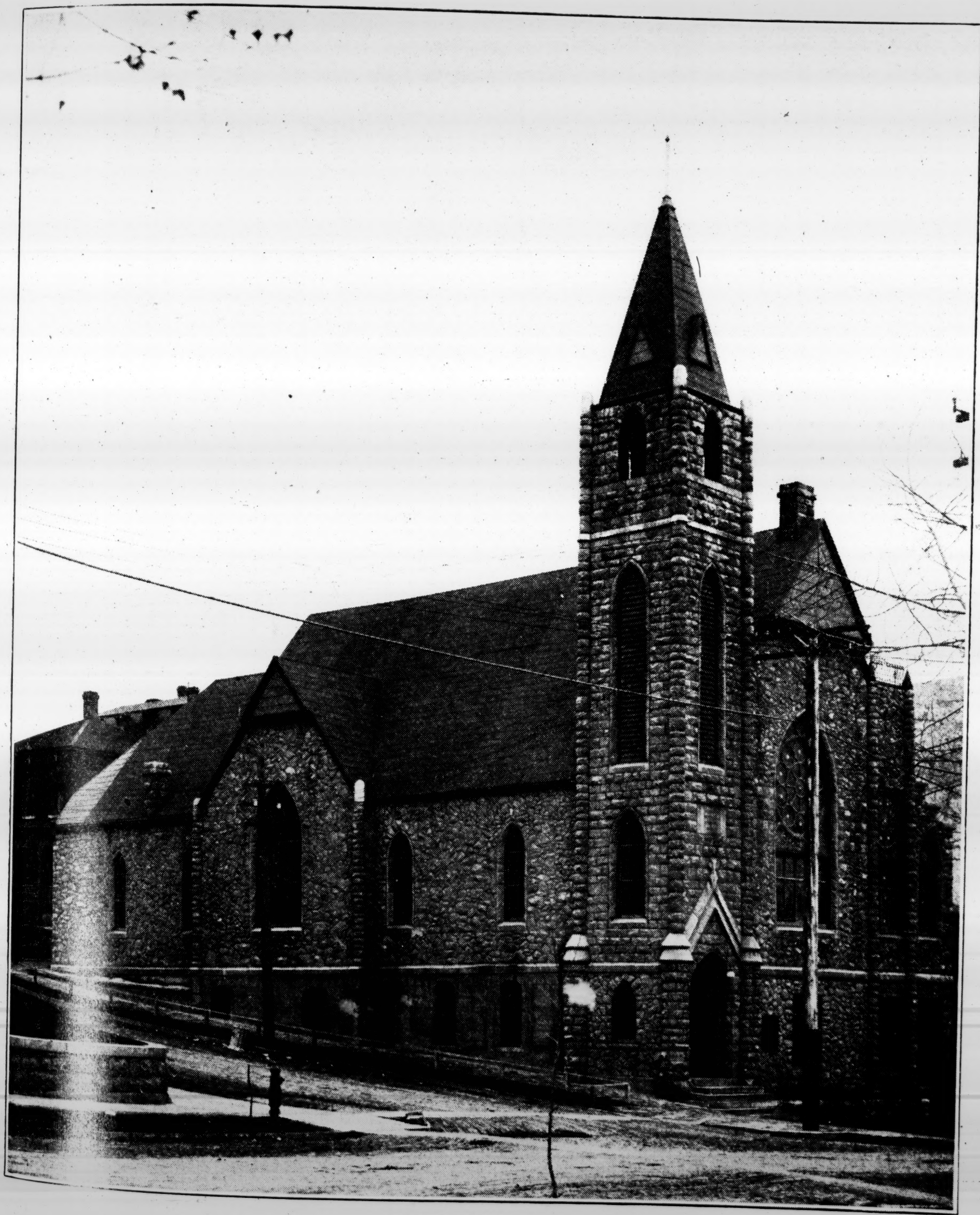
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I. CONFERENCE ROLL AND DIRECTORY

EFFECTIVE ELDERs	Address	Admitted on Trial in an Annual Conference		Received into Full Membership		Years Supernumerary	When Ret'd.
		Where	When	Conference	When		
Adams, Paul M.	Helena	Montana	1902	Montana	1904		
Barker, Thos. H.	Thompson Falls	Montana	1904	Montana	1906		
Bartlett, Edw. C.	Anaconda	Upper Iowa	1902				
Bovard, Charles L.	Helena (Area Sec.)	S. E. Indiana	1884	S. E. Indiana	1886		
Carleton, Ralph E.	Ronan	Puget Sound	1911	Montana	1918		
Chappell, Harry E.	Bridger	Montana	1905	Montana	1907		
Chirgwin, John	833 Broadway, Helena						
Clifford, C. L.	315 North Montana, Butte						
Crouch, Charles D.	Billings	Montana	1899	Montana	1901		
Cunningham, C. E.	Townsend	Arkansas	1886				
Dann, W. G. R.		Puget Sound	1910	Montana	1916		
Davies Percy	Baker	Minnesota	1905				
Donaldson, Chas. M.	Glendive						
Edgington, R. C.	Billings (Dist Supt.)	Montana	1908	Montana	1910		
Fulford, F. C.	Red Lodge	Montana	1914	Montana	1922		
Greer, Walter L.	Wilsall						
Haldeman, Allan	Drummond	Montana	1910	Montana	1912		
Hardie, Thomas	Miles City						
Holtzinger, Horace K.	Helena (Dist Supt.)	St. Louis	1901				
Humphrey, H. G.	12 S. Ewing, Helena						
Jinnett, W. P.	Three Forks	Wyoming State					
Kletzing, Russel R.	221 Wheaton Ave., Wheaton, Ill.	N. Ohio	1907	Montana	1911		
Lacklen, Jesse	Missoula	S. Illinois	1905	So. Illinois	1907		
Latham, F. M.	Fromberg						
Lee, G. C.	Whitehall	Montana	1904	Montana	1906	Three	
Meeke, John A.	Hardin	N. Montana	1912	Wisconsin	1914		
Miller, Thomas	Hamilton	Montana	1902				
Mills, Edward L.	Artisans Bldg., Portland, Ore.	Montana	1920				
Ortmayer, Louis L.	Huntley	Montana					
Ponath, O. G.	(Pine Creek) P. O. Livingston	N. Dakota	1916	Montana	1918		
Reid, George	Stevensville	Missouri	1899	Montana	1911		
Rhodes, Charles	56 Atlantic St. Meaderville, Butte	England	1908	Montana			
		Credentials	1893				
		Columbia River					
Smith, Edward	Dillon	Montana	1895	Montana	1898		
Smith, R. P.	Bozeman	Montana	1896	Columbia River	1898	Three	
Smith, W. C.	Ingomar, P. O. Forsyth	Columbia River	1882	Orig. Member			
Stull, G. C.	"Retired Chaplain"	New Jersey		Montana	1887		
				Montana	1908		
				Montana	1913		
Spencer, F. T.	971 N. Main St., Butte	Montana	1904				
Swisher, E. D.	Laurel	Cent. Illinois	1910				
Temple, Newton M.	Livingston						
Whitford, Fred	Forsyth	Montana	1907	Montana	1909		
Wolfe, Chas. F.	715 E. Second St., Butte	Montana	1913	Montana	1915		
Wolfe, Geo. D.	Billings	Indiana	1880				

SUPERNUMERARY

Linger, F. O.	8333 Dibble Ave. N. W. Seattle, Wash.	Montana	1909	Montana	1912	Six	-----
Pascoe, William H.	Park City	St. Louis (M. E. South)	1895	Creditentials	-----	-----	-----
Welch, A. D.	-----	Upper Iowa	1899	Montana	1903	One	-----
RETIRE	-----	-----	-----	Upper Iowa	1901	One	-----
Badcon, J. A.	3216 W. 67 St., Seattle, Wash.	Nebraska	1880	West Nebr.	1885	Five	1915
Calvert, W. H.	Wibaux, Mont.	Kentucky	1887	-----	-----	-----	1919
Hosking, John	Deer Lodge, Mont.	Mont. Mission	1884	Orig. Member	-----	-----	1911
Kershaw, Andrew	College Place, Walla Walla, Wash.	Iowa	1874	Montana	1887	Three	-----
King, Geo. D.	Whitehall, Mont.	Cent. Illinois	1880	Iowa	1876	Five	1911
Mills, Jacob	Helena, Mont.	Mont. Mission	1882	Orig. Member	1887	-----	1915
Morrison, A. P.	1107 W. 47th St., Los Angeles, Cal.	-----	-----	Montana	1887	-----	1914
Nutting, Wilder	Waluga, Oregon	Mont. Mission	1883	Orig. Member	-----	-----	1911
Oliver, S. A.	Route 4 Boise, Idaho	Detroit	1884	Montana	1887	-----	1920
				-----	-----	-----	1915

GRADUATED from course of studies (but not eligible for elders orders until 1924).

Anstice, Fred	Philipsburg	Montana	1916	Montana	-----	-----	-----
UNDERGRADUATES							
Fourth Year							
Rankin Ira F.	Sheridan	Newark	1916	-----	-----	-----	-----
Third Year							
Aiton, Alex P.	Sidney	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Hannan, Cecil G.	Richey	Montana	1920	-----	-----	-----	-----
Peck Aden T.	Fish Tail	Montana	1917	-----	-----	-----	-----
Trappolini, Amadeo	Morgan Memorial, Boston Mass.	Montana	1920	Montana	1922	-----	-----
Second Year							
Knudsen, Carl	72 Mt. Vernon St. Boston, Mass.	Montana	1920	-----	-----	-----	-----
Wampler, W. C.	Helena Hall	Montana	1920	-----	-----	-----	-----
Woods, Hubert W.	Oakes St., Helena	Montana	1920	-----	-----	-----	-----
First Year							
Carleton, Linus	Helena Hall, Helena	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Dean, A. Lawrence	Helena Hall, Helena	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Dirrim, William H.	Helena Hall, Helena	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----

MINISTERS SUPPLYING CHARGES (NOT INCLUDED IN FOREGOING LIST) WITH ADDRESSES:

Abels, G. J. S., Park City; Fletcher, Saml., (Big Blackfoot), P. O. Helmville; Kliwer, P. A., (Ashland and Birney), Ashland; McAllister, Mrs. L. A., (Alberton), Missoula; Mills, Ernest, (McAllister), McAllister; Simes, L. E. (St. Ignatius), R. F. D. Missoula; Smith, John A., (Superior and St. Regis), Superior.
 Andrews, C. I. (Superintendent Sunday School Work, Montana Conference), 3919 Fourth Ave., Billings, Muirden, Alex, (Field Secretary Montana Wesleyan), Great Falls.

II

Conference Rules

The Duties of the President.

1. The President shall see that all business pertaining to the Conference shall be brought forward and conducted in a proper manner, according to the provisions of the Discipline and Rules of the Conference.

2. He shall preserve order in all proceedings; and in debates shall keep the speakers to the question, and call them to order when they wander from the point, or from rules of order, or use any improper language.

3. He shall appoint all committees unless otherwise decided by the Conference, in which case the appointment shall be made by ballot or nomination, at the discretion of the Conference, no member thereof being permitted to nominate more than one person for the same committee.

4. When two or more members shall rise and address the President at the same time, he shall decide which of them is entitled to the floor.

The Duties of the Secretary.

1. The Secretary shall record all answers to questions of law; also rulings made by the President in the transaction of the business of the Conference, and to keep a fair and correct record of its proceedings to be read at the commencement of each session thereafter subject to the correction of the Conference.

2. He shall carefully preserve the journals and papers of the Conference placed in custody, and shall not permit any person but a member to examine the same, nor shall he allow a member to make a transcript from either without the permission of the Conference and he shall also produce the journal and papers at the next annual session of the Conference.

3. He shall also, after the close of the Conference, make an appendix at the end of the journal in which he shall record all documents which shall be ordered by the Conference to be so recorded (the motion on which shall be taken without debate) and documents so recorded shall be referred to on the journal of the Conference.

The Duties and Privileges of Members.

1. Every member who would speak should rise in his place and respectfully address the President, refraining from all personalities and indecorous language; but no member shall speak more than once on the same question (except to explain) until every member choosing shall have spoken; nor longer than fifteen minutes, without permission of the Conference.

2. When a member shall be called to order by the President or any member he shall take his seat until the question be decided by the President; nevertheless, he shall be allowed an appeal to the Conference which shall decide without debate.

3. Any member may call for the division of a question, which shall be granted when, in the judgment of the President, the sense will admit of it; and every member present shall vote on all questions unless excused by the Conference.

Questions to Be Taken Without Debate.

A motion simply to adjourn. Motion to lie on the table.

STANDING RULES.

1. Applicants for admission on trial shall not be over 35 years of age.
2. In view of the increasing number of claimants on our superannuate fund, the District Superintendents shall not encourage the transfer, and the Bishops are respectfully requested not to transfer any men to this Conference who are not in sound health and who are over forty years of age.
3. After September 1, 1912, candidates for admission and trial into full connection and for election to elder's orders must bring up all books to be read and all books studied without condition.

MISCELLANEOUS RULES.**Section 1.**

1. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order.
2. When a question has been decided, any member who may have voted in the majority on said question may move for a reconsideration thereof.
3. When the reading of a paper is called for, and the same is objected to by a member, the question shall be determined by a vote of the Conference.
4. A motion may be withdrawn by the mover at any time before decision thereon or amendment thereto.
5. It shall always be in order at any time during the discussion of a proposition before the Conference (except during the examination of character), to move that the question be put without debate, and if the motion is sustained by two-thirds of the members present and voting, the debate shall at once cease, and the question shall be put.
6. No motion shall be entertained unless seconded, and all motions and resolutions shall be reduced to writing, if desired by the President or Secretary, or any member of the Conference.
7. No matter of business, other than that which pertains to the ordinary business of the Conference, shall be read by the Secretary until the subject of it is stated by the introducer.
8. When the report of the Committee is under consideration, the chairman or a member of the committee selected by the committee or its chairman, shall be entitled to close the debate, and the representative of the committee shall not be deprived of his rights to close the debate even by the ordering of a previous question. If the motion to lay on the table the report, or any part of it, be made, the representative of the committee may elect to speak before that motion is put, or to reserve his right and speak on the final question.
9. The yeas and nays shall be called and recorded on any question on the demand of fifteen members.
10. On the first day of the session at two o'clock the list of appointments shall be called and the preachers in charge requested to report collections to Treasurer and statistical reports to Statistical Secretary, and on the second morning after the approval of the minutes, the names of all who have not reported shall be called, and a proper excuse required.
11. When the call of districts for the passage of character is begun, it shall not be in order to interrupt the call for the transaction of other Conference business until all the districts are completed.

Section 2.

1. In all other preliminary matters not specified in the above rules the Conference shall be governed by the well-settled principles of common parliamentary law and rules of the General Conference, so far as they will apply to this body.

III Officers of the Conference

PRESIDENT

Bishop Charles Wesley Burns Helena, Mont.

SECRETARY

Charles Rhodes . . . 66 Atlantic St. Meaderville, Butte, Montana

ASSISTANTS

Thomas Hardie . . . F. T. Spencer . . . C. F. Wolfe

STATISTICIAN

F. C. Fulford Red Lodge

ASSISTANTS

Thomas Miller Walter L. Greer

TREASURER

Fred Whitford Forsyth

ASSISTANTS

E. D. Swisher F. M. Latham

REGISTRAR

Thomas Hardie Miles City

AUDITOR

A. D. Welch

PRO-RATING

Arthur C. Baer H. E. Chappell

REPORTER

Paul M. Adams

POSTMASTER

F. T. Spencer

IV

Conference Boards**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

H. G. Humphrey, Jacob Mills, H. K. Holtzinger, R. C. Edgington, N. M. Temple, A. F. Ritz, Andrew Seaberg.

BOARD OF STEWARDS

1 year—Jesse Lacklen, J. A. Meeke, S. E. Dove.
 2 years—C. E. Cunningham, J. H. Strain.
 3 years—R. P. Smith, Chas. Rhodes, J. D. Slemons, E. C. Bartlett.

DEACONESS BOARD

1 year—Mrs. Edward Smith, A. D. Welch.
 2 years—Mrs. Geo. D. Wolfe, John Chirgwin.
 3 years—Mrs. J. F. Mills, William Lutey, R. P. Smith.

BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

H. K. Holtzinger, Geo. C. Lee, F. T. Spencer, T. Hardie, S. E. Dove, Thos. Layfield, R. J. Cunningham, A. C. Lemon,

BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION

H. K. Holtzinger, R. C. Edgington, C. L. Clifford, C. F. Wolfe, E. C. Bartlett, Chas. Rhodes, F. T. Spencer, William Lutey, F. B. Price, John Callow, J. H. Strain, C. E. Avery, J. W. Tippet.

Executive Committee—Officers and H. K. Holtzinger and R. C. Edgington.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

1 year—G. D. Wolfe, H. G. Humphrey, R. J. Cunningham, C. E. Avery.
 2 years—C. L. Clifford, A. D. Welch, E. R. Sanford, Guy E. Marvin.
 3 years—Louis L. Ortmyer, D. R. McRae, E. E. Collins.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS

John A. Meeke, Chairman; Thomas Hardie, Registrar; Paul M. Adams, E. C. Bartlett, C. M. Donaldson, Edward Smith, E. D. Swisher, A. D. Welch, Fred Whitford, Thomas Miller, George Reid.

BOARD OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Butte District—District Superintendent, Ex-officio, Jesse Lacklen, C. L. Clifford, Mrs. E. R. Sanford (Missoula), A. E. Hardin, (Whitehall).

Yellowstone District—District Superintendent, Ex-officio, C. M. Donaldson, R. P. Smith, Dr. J. E. Midgett (Sumatra), E. E. Collins, (Billings).

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH**BOARD OF CHURCH LOCATION**

Butte District—H. K. Holtzinger, J. Lacklen, Paul M. Adams, Edward Smith.

Yellowstone District—R. C. Edgington, Geo. D. Wolfe, Fred Whitford, Andrew Seaberg, W. E. Cummings.

TRUSTEES MONTANA WESLEYAN

For Term Ending March, 1924—Jesse Lacklen, J. V. Kohler.

For Term Ending March, 1925—H. G. Humphrey, R. C. Edgington.

For Term Ending March, 1926—R. P. Smith, E. L. Mills.

TRUSTEES KIMBALL SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

Geo. D. Wolfe, Edward L. Mills.

Conference Visitor, H. G. Humphrey.

V**Officers of Conference Societies****CONFERENCE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY**

Secretary, Mrs. Charles L. Bovard, Helena.

CONFERENCE WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

President, Mrs. Charles R. Perry, Missoula.

Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. W. C. Packer, Miles City.

Treasurer, Mrs. F. A. Friedricht, 307 Alderson Ave. Billings.

LAY ELECTORAL CONFERENCE

President, Chas. E. Avery, Anaconda.

Secretary, A. C. Lemon, Helena.

VI Conference Committees

(a) Standing Committees—

Conference Relations—

For 1 year—Chas D. Crouch, C. L. Clifford, C. E. Cunningham.

For 2 years—T. H. Barker, Jesse Lacklen, N. M. Temple.

For 3 years—E. C. Bartlett, C. M. Donaldson, R. P. Smith.

Book Concern—Allan Haldeman, W. L. Greer, Percy H. Davies.

Education for Negroes—F. C. Fulford, T. H. Barker, Thos. Miller, H. E. Chappell.

Hospitals—R. P. Smith, Charles Rhodes, C. L. Clifford, Fred Whitford, A. J. Movius, R. J. Cunningham, P. F. Blake.

Temperance—F. T. Spencer, E. D. Swisher, G. D. Wolfe, Geo. Reid, A. D. Welch, E. C. Bartlett.

Epworth League—E. D. Swisher, Charles Rhodes, C. F. Wolfe, C. G. Hannan.

History and Memoirs—Edward Smith, Jacob Mills, Jesse Lacklen, Louis Ortmyer, Geo. D. Wolfe, C. M. Donaldson.

Resolutions—G. D. Wolfe, R. P. Smith, H. W. Woods, A. D. Welch.

Publishing the Minutes—Charles Rhodes, T. Hardie, F. T. Spencer, C. F. Wolfe, E. C. Bartlett, Geo. Reid.

Auditing—W. H. Calvert, P. M. Adams, A. D. Welch.

World Service—Charles L. Bovard, District Superintendents, Chas. M. Donaldson, N. M. Temple, J. Lacklen, C. L. Clifford, H. G. Humphrey.

Conference Claimants Endowment Fund—Edward Smith, Thos. Miller, C. L. Bovard, E. C. Bartlett, C. E. Avery, E. E. Collons.

Courtesies—Jesse Lacklen, G. D. Wolfe, H. E. Chappell.

Methodist Review—W. L. Greer.

(b) Special Committees—

Conference Boundaries—C. L. Bovard, Edward Smith, Paul M. Adams, H. G. Humphrey, R. C. Edgington, H. K. Holtzinger.

Episcopal Residence—C. L. Bovard, Edward Smith, C. M. Donaldson, G. D. Wolfe, H. K. Holtzinger, E. C. Bartlett, H. G. Humphrey, J. V. Kohler, C. B. Anderson.

Commission on Finance—H. G. Humphrey, E. D. Swisher, G. E. Marvin, J. E. Patterson, B. A. Winans.

Fraternal Delegate to Northwest Conference Methodist Episcopal Church South—Geo. Reid.

Stewardship Secretaries—

Butte District—H. G. Humphrey, District Secretary.

Butte Sub. District—Chas. F. Wolfe.

Helena Sub. District—H. G. Humphrey.

Missoula Sub. District—Jesse Lacklen.

Yellowstone District—J. A. Meeke, District Secretary.

Billings Sub. District—E. E. Collins.

Glendive Sub. District—C. M. Donaldson.

Livingston Sub. District—N. M. Temple.

Miles City Sub. District—Thos. Hardie.

State of the Church—H. G. Humphrey, A. C. Baer, Thos. Miller, C. L. Clifford, R. P. Smith, H. E. Chappell.

Social Service—Jesse Lacklen, Geo. D. Wolfe, and Thos. Hardie.

VII Disciplinary Questions

1. **Is this Annual Conference Incorporated According to the Requirement of the Discipline?**

It is.

2. **Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conference?**
Alex. P. Aiton (in studies of third year), North Montana, W. P. Jinnett, North Dakota; Newton M. Temple, North Montana.

3. **Who have been Readmitted?**

None.

4. **Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches?**

None.

5. **Who have been Received on Trial?**

(a) In Studies of First Year. Linus Carleton, A Lawrence Dean, William H. Dirrim.

(b) In Studies of Third Year under the Seminary Rule. None.

6. **Who have been Continued on Trial?**

(a) In Studies of First Year. None.

(b) In Studies of Second Year. Carl Knudsen, W. C. Wampler, H. W. Woods.

(c) In Studies of Third Year. Amadeo Trappolini.

(d) In Studies of Fourth Year. None.

7. **Who have been Discontinued?** None.

8. **Who have been admitted into Full Membership?**

(a) Elected and Ordained Deacons this year. None.

(b) Elected and Ordained Deacons previously. None.

9. **What Members are in studies of Third Year?**

(a) Admitted into Full Membership this year. None.

(b) Admitted into Full Membership previously. Cecil G. Hannan, Aden T. Peck, Alex. P. Aiton.

10. **What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?**

Ira F. Rankin, (conditioned).

11. **What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study..**

(a) Elected and Ordained Elders this year. Louis L. Ortmyer, Fred Anstice, (not eligible for elder's orders until 1924).

(b) Elected and Ordained Elders previously. None.

(c) Elected and Ordained Elders under the Seminary Rule. None.

12. **What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?**

(a) As Local Preachers. Ernest J. Mills.

(b) Under Missionary Rule. None.

(c) Under the Seminary Rule. None.

13. **What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?**

(a) As Local Deacons. None.

(b) Under Missionary Rule. None.

14. **Was the Character of each Preacher examined?**

This was strictly done as the name of each preacher was called in open Conference.

15. **Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences?**
Arthur C. Baer, (studies of fourth year) North Montana; Harry M. Cooper, Oregon; George Mecklenburg, North Montana; John G. Ross, Southern California ;Geo. J. Stephens, Nebraska.
16. **Who have died?**
Stephen Alpheus Coburn.
17. **Who have been Located at their own Request?**
None.
18. **Who have been Located?**
J. M. A. Papa.
19. **Who have Withdrawn?**
None.
20. **Who have been permitted to Withdraw under Charges or Complaints?**
None.
21. **Who have been Expelled?**
None.
22. **What other personal Notation should be made?**
W. C. Smith (granted year's leave of absence at own request), Geo. J. Stephens made effective and transferred to the Nebraska Conference.
23. **Who are the Supernumerary Ministers, and for what number of years consecutively has each held this Relation?**
F. O. Linger (6), William H. Pascoe (1) A. D. Welch (1)
24. **Who are the Retired Ministers?**
J. A. Badcon, W. H. Calvert, John Hosking, Andrew Kershaw, Geo. D. King, Jacob Mills, A. P. Morrison, Wilder Nutting, S. A. Oliver.
25. **Who are the Triers of Appeals?**
E. C. Bartlett, Charles D. Crouch, C. M. Donaldson, Jacob Mills, R. P. Smith, Reserve—F. T. Spencer, G. D. Wolfe.
26. **What is the Annual Report of the Conference Board of Home Missions and Church Extension?**
See Treasurer's Report.
27. **What is the Annual Report of the Conference Board of Foreign Missions?**
See Treasurer's Report.
28. **What is the Statistical Report?**
See the Statistician's Report.
29. **What is the Conference Treasurer's Report?**
See the Conference Treasurer's Report.
30. (a) **What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer?**
\$34,616.
(b) **What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the Annual Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer?**
\$31,717.

31. **What are the Claims on the Conference Funds?**
For Annuity distribution, 406 years multiplied by the Disciplinary rate of \$20 per year, \$8120. For Necessitous distribution, \$350. Total \$8470.
32. (a) **What has been Received on these Claims?**
From the Book Concern \$747, From Annual Conference Investments, \$168. From the Chartered Fund, \$35. From Pastoral Charges, \$3381. From the Board of Conference Claimants, \$700. Total \$5031.
- (b) **How has it been Applied.** See report of Conference Stewards.
33. **What amount has been apportioned to the Pastoral Charges within the Conference, to be raised for the Support of Conference Claimants? (Par. 336).**
\$6820.
34. **What amount has been paid by the Conference Treasurer to the Board of Conference Claimants for Connectional Relief?**
\$134.
35. **Where are the Preachers Stationed?**
See List of Appointments.
36. **Where shall the Next Conference be held?**
Referred to Commission on Conference Merger.

VIII

Appointments

Butte District

District Superintendent	-	Horace K. Holtzinger, Helena, Mont.	(2)
Alberton	-	(Mrs. A. L. McAllister)	(2)
Anaconda,	-	E. C. Bartlett	(3)
Big Blackfoot	-	(Samuel Fletcher)	(5)
Butte, Grace and Wesley	-	Charles F. Wolfe	(2)
Butte, Mountain View	-	C. L. Clifford	(3)
Butte, Trinity and Mt. Bethel	-	F. T. Spencer	(2)
Butte, Unity and Silver Bow	-	Charles Rhodes	(1)
Clancy and Jefferson	-	A. Lawrence Dean	(1)
Dillon	-	Edward Smith	(4)
Dillon Circuit	-	To be supplied	
Drummond and Hall	-	Allan Haldeman	(2)
Hamilton and Sula	-	Thomas Miller	(4)
Helena, Coburn Memorial	-	H. W. Woods	(1)
Helena, St. Paul's	-	H. G. Humphrey	(2)
Lolo Circuit	-	To be supplied	
McAllister	-	(Ernest J. Mills)	(3)
Marysville, Avon, Silver	-	Linus Carleton	(1)
Missoula	-	Jesse Lacklen	(5)
Philipsburg	-	Fred Anstice	(5)
Ronan and Round Butte	-	Ralph Carleton	(2)
St. Ignatius	-	(L. E. Simes)	(2)
Sheridan	-	Ira F. Rankin	(1)
Stevensville	-	George Reid	(3)
Superior and St. Regis	-	(J. A. Smith)	(2)
Thompson Falls and Plains	-	T. H. Barker	(1)
Three Forks	-	W. P. Jinnett	(1)
Townsend and Radersburg	-	C. E. Cunningham	(1)
Whitehall Circuit	-	George C. Lee	(2)
Winston	-	To be supplied	

Yellowstone District

District Superntendent	-	Robert C. Edgington, Billings, Mont.	(2)
Ashland and Birney	-	(P. A. Kliever)	(3)
Baker	-	Percy H. Davies	(2)
Billings	-	George D. Wolfe	(4)
Bloomfield Circuit	-	To be supplied	
Bozeman	-	R. P. Smith	(9)
Boyd	-	(Harry E. Chappell)	
Bridger Circuit	-	Harry E. Chappell	(3)
Clyde Park	-	To be supplied	
Camanche Circuit	-	R. R. Kletzing	(1)
Fairview	-	To be supplied	
Forsyth	-	Fred Whitford	(4)
Fromberg and Joliet	-	F. M. Latham	(1)
Glendive	-	Charles M. Donaldson	(2)
Hardin	-	J. A. Meeke	(4)
Huntley and Worden	-	L. L. Ortmyer	(3)
Ingomar Circuit	-	To be supplied	
Laurel	-	E. D. Swisher	(3)
Livingston	-	N. M. Temple	(2)
Luther and Fish Tail	-	A. T. Peck	(1)
Miles City	-	Thomas Hardie	(6)

Pine Creek	- - - - -	Otto G. Ponath (2)
Red Lodge and Roberts	- - - - -	F. C. Fulford (3)
Reed Point and Park City	- - - - -	To be supplied
Richey Circuit	- - - - -	Cecil G. Hannan (2)
Sidney	- - - - -	Alexander P. Aiton (1)
Wibaux	- - - - -	(W. H. Calvert) (5)
Wilsall	- - - - -	Walter Lee Greer (2)

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

Charles L. Bovard, Executive Secretary. Helena Area, St. Paul's Quarterly conference, Helena, Montana (2).

Paul M. Adams, Professor of Biology, Westminster Wesleyan College, St. Paul's Quarterly Conference, Helena, Montana (10).

John Chirgwin, Field Superintendent, Montana Deaconess School, St. Paul's Quarterly Conference, Helena, Montana (11).

Charles D. Crouch, Superintendent, Billings Deaconess Hospital, Billings, Montana, Billings Quarterly Conference (2).

Edward Laird Mills, Editor Pacific Christian Advocate, St. Paul's Quarterly Conference, Helena, Montana (4).

G. C. Stull, Retired Chaplain in the United States Army, Billings Quarterly Conference (1).

W. C. Smith, leave of absence, Ingomar Quarterly Conference (1).

Left without appointment to attend school—W. G. R. Dann, Townsend Quarterly Conference; Carl Knudsen, St. Paul's Quarterly Conference; Amadeo Trappolini, Mountain View Quarterly Conference, Butte; W. C. Wampler, Coburn Memorial Quarterly Conference, Helena.

DEACONESS APPOINTMENTS

Edith R. Ackerman, R. N., Superintendent Bozeman Deaconess Hospital

Mary E. Davidson, Bozeman Deaconess Hospital.

Anabelle Harper, Bozeman Deaconess Hospital.

H. Grace Linfield, Bozeman Deaconess Hospital.

Ruth E. Robertson, R. N., Superintendent, Forsyth Deaconess Hospital.

Emily M. Cummins, Forsyth Deaconess Hospital.

Donna E. Watts, R. N., Forsyth Deaconess Hospital, Assistant Supt.

Monta Bane, R. N., Superintendent Sidney Deaconess Hospital.

Cora E. Meneley, Assistant Superintendent, Sidney Deaconess Hospital.

Roxana Beck, Principal Montana Deaconess School, Helena.

Helen C. Piper, Montana Deaconess School, Helena.

Ethel Hancock, Montana Deaconess School, Helena.

Leona Rice, Montana Deaconess School, Helena.

Blanche Baker, Montana Deaconess School, Helena.

Donna Courtnage, Montana Deaconess School, Helena.

Anna Helickson, Leave of Absence.

MISSIONARY APPROPRIATIONS

Butte District

Alberton	\$ 60
Clancy and Jefferson	400
Dillon Circuit	200
Drummond and Hall	300
Hamilton and Sula	300
Lolo Circuit	100
McAllister Circuit	500
Philipsburg	500
Ronan and Round Butte	300
St. Ignatius	300
Sheridan	200
Superior and St. Regis	300
Butte, Grace and Wesley	200
Butte, Trinity & Mt. Bethel	200
Butte, Unity & Silver Bow....	300
Helena, Coburn Memorial.....	400
Thompson Falls and Plains..	300
Three Forks	300
Townsend and Radersburg..	300
Whitehall Circuit	400
Marysville, Avon and Silver	350
Winston	50
District Superintendent	400
Big Blackfoot	400
Total	\$7060

Yellowstone District

Ashland	\$ 100
Baker Circuit	400
Bridger Circuit	300
Clyde Park	200
District Superintendent	400
Fairview Circuit	300
Fishtail and Luther	400
Forsyth Circuit	180
Fromberg Circuit	200
Huntley Circuit	200
Ingomar Circuit	400
Laurel	400
Pine Creek Circuit	300
Comanche	120
Red Lodge Circuit	300
Reed Point Circuit	400
Richey Circuit	350
Sidney	400
Wilsall	200
Total	\$5500

IX Daily Proceedings

FIRST DAY, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29th.

Opening. The Thirty-seventh Session of the Montana Annual Conference convened at the Montana Wesleyan College, Helena on Wednesday, August 29th, at 9 a. m. **Devotions** were conducted by Bishop Charles Wesley Burns. After singing "Just as I Am," Charles D. Crouch offered prayer. The Bishop read from the first Epistle of St. John, and spoke of our great task in summoning the soul back to spiritual values.

H. G. Humphrey offered prayer, after which the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by Dr. Jacob Mills, the District Superintendents and the local pastor H. G. Humphrey taking part.

Organization. Charles Rhodes was re-elected Secretary, with Thomas Hardie, Fred T. Spencer and Chas. F. Wolfe as assistants; Fred C. Fulford Statistician, with Thomas Miller and Walter L. Greer Assistants. Fred Whitford was confirmed as Treasurer, and he named E. D. Swisher and F. M. Latham to assist. A. D. Welch was confirmed as Auditor. The following were also elected,—Pro-rating Secretary, Arthur C. Baer, with H. E. Chappell assistant; Reporter, Paul M. Adams; and Postmaster, Fred T. Spencer.

Memorial Service. The Secretary called the Roll of the Dead, the brethren rising.

Question 16 "Who have died?" Stephen Alpheus Coburn.

Mrs. Martha Elizabeth Holbrook Oliver, wife of brother Samuel A. Oliver, has also passed away during the year.

Paul M. Adams, H. G. Humphrey, C. L. Clifford, W. L. Greer, spoke feelingly of the life of Brother Coburn and his tragic passing along with his mother, Mrs. M. A. Coburn, and his son "Teddy".

Sympathy was expressed for Sister Coburn who is now at the Deaconess Hospital at Great Falls.

Geo. D. Wolfe spoke of Brother Coburn, and also of Sister Oliver.

Edward Smith and Jacob Mills spoke regarding the life and work of Mrs. Oliver, who was alert in everything affecting the success of the work of the Church.

Edward Smith presented a memoir of the infant child of Rev. and Mrs. Ira F. Rankin, sympathy was expressed with the parents, and John Chirgwin offered prayer.

"O how sweet it will be in that beautiful land to meet one another again" was sung.

George D. Wolfe and Chas. M. Donaldson were added to the Committee on Memoirs, and they were requested to send tender greetings, with our sympathy, to Sister Coburn, and Brother Oliver.

H. K. Holtzinger moved that proper memoirs be prepared, and placed in the Minutes, and this was carried.

On motion of Geo. D. Wolfe, it was decided to include the name of Bishop Luccock in the reading of the "Roll of the Dead".

Edward Smith concluded the Memorial Service with prayer.

Roll Call. The Secretary called the Roll, and the following responded:—Paul M. Adams, T. H. Barker, E. C. Bartlett, C. L. Bovard, H. E. Chappell, John Chirgwin, C. L. Clifford, Charles D. Crouch, C. E. Cunningham, Percy Davies, Chas. M. Donaldson, Robert C. Edgington, F. C. Fulford, W. L. Greer, Allan Haldeman, Thomas Hardie, Horace K. Holtzinger, H. G. Humphrey, Jesse Lacklen, F. M. Latham, G. C.

Lee, John A. Meeke, Thos. Miller, O. G. Ponath, Geo. Reid, Charles Rhodes, Edward Smith, R. P. Smith, F. T. Spencer, E. D. Swisher, A. D. Welch, Fred Whitford, C. F. Wolfe, G. D. Wolfe, Retired, W. H. Calvert, John Hosking, Jacob Mills, Undergraduates, Fred Anstice, Louis L. Ortmayer, Arthur C. Baer, Cecil G. Hannan, Ira F. Rankin, H. W. Woods.

The Bar of the Conference was on motion of John Hosking, set to include the first five rows of seats.

Disciplinary Questions were then taken up.

1. Is this Conference incorporated? It is.

2. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference?

The Bishop announced the transfers of N. M. Temple and Alex A. Aiton from the North Montana Conference.

15. The following transfers were also announced—H. M. Cooper, to the Oregon Conference, George Mecklenburg to North Montana, and John G. Ross to Southern California.

Question 14. The Character of Horace K. Holtzinger, Superintendent of the Butte District was passed, and the Effective Elders of that District stood, and they were also passed in character.

The Superintendent after stating he had fulfilled as far as possible the disciplinary requirements placed upon a Superintendent, read the **Report of the Butte District.** (see page 261).

Robert C. Edgington was passed in character, he also having complied with the disciplinary obligations of a Superintendent: the Effective Elders of his District rose, and they were also passed in Character. The Superintendent read the **Report of the Yellowstone District.** (see page 268).

Program of Conference. The program prepared by the local Committee was adopted as the program of the Conference, and on motion of G. D. Wolfe adjournment was to be made at 12 o'clock.

Introductions. Geo. C. Lee of Whitehall, A Lawrence Dean of Clancy, Newton M. Temple of Livingston, and Percy Davies of Baker, were introduced, these brethren having entered the Conference since our last Session.

Dr. D. W. Howell, Corresponding Secretary of the General Deaconess Board was introduced, and addressed the Conference.

On extension of time for 15 minutes, Dr. N. E. Davis Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Hospitals and Homes was introduced and addressed the Conference; Dr. Clarence True Wilson of the Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals, Rev. A. A. Heist of the Social Service Commission, Rev. C. E. Winning of the Idaho Conference, Rev. J. H. McDonald of the North Dakota Conference representing the Book Concern, Dr. Chas. L. Bovard the new Area Secretary, J. C. Haldeman a highly esteemed layman of the Philadelphia Conference, and father of Allan Haldeman, were introduced to the Conference.

Drafts for \$700 from the Board of Conference Claimants, \$747 from the Methodist Book Concern, and \$35 from the Chartered Fund, were handed to the Treasurer by the Bishop.

Announcements were made, and Chas. L. Bovard pronounced the benediction.

The Statistical Session was held at 1:30, the Bishop presiding. "Come Thou Fount" was sung, and Jesse Lacklen offered prayer. The Roll of Charges was called and reports were handed to the Treasurer and Statistician.

Adjournment with benediction by T. H. Barker.

SECOND DAY, THURSDAY, AUGUST 30th.

Devotions at 8:30 conducted by Bishop Burns. After singing "And can it be that I should gain". Edw. C. Bartlett offered prayer.

The Bishop gave a helpful address on the need of a right perspective of life.

The Minutes were read and approved.

Question 25. Who are the Triers of Appeal? The following were re-elected:—Edw. C. Bartlett, Chas. D. Crouch, Chas. M. Donaldson, Jacob Mills, Robert P. Smith. Reserve—Fred T. Spencer, Geo. D. Wolfe.

The Chair was requested to appoint a **Sifting Committee on Memorials** to the General Conference. C. L. Clifford, C. M. Donaldson and C. F. Wolfe were named.

C. M. Donaldson moved the appointment of a representative to extend **Greetings to the Lay Electoral Conference**. This was carried, and Dr. Edward Laird Mills was named to convey such greetings to the laymen.

Fred Whitford called the charges not having reported Statistics, and other reports were handed in.

On motion of Paul M. Adams, the members of the North Montana Conference who are present or will be present, were seated within the bar of the Conference.

Methodist Review. Walter L. Greer was on motion elected Agent of the Methodist Review.

H. K. Holtzinger made the nominations for the **Standing Committees** and they were elected or confirmed. (see list). He also made the nominations for **Special Committees**, and they were elected (see list).

It was the recommendation of the Bishop that inasmuch as no Sunday School Superintendent has been appointed for the North Montana Conference, C. I. Andrews our Sunday School Superintendent cover the entire State, with an additional budget, for Institute work etc., and Jesse Lacklen was asked to bring this matter before the Board of Sunday Schools.

The Conference Boards were elected (see list).

The Bishop appointed the **Board of Examiners** as follows,

John A. Meeke, Thos. Hardie, Paul M. Adams, E. C. Bartlett, C. M. Donaldson, Edward Smith, E. D. Swisher, A. D. Welch, Fred Whitford, Thomas Miller and George Reid.

On motion of Thomas Miller, men who are serving in **Special Appointments** are to be listed with addresses in the Minutes.

On motion of Jacob Mills, the Conference went into **Corporate Session** at 10 o'clock. H. G. Humphrey, President of the Board of Trustees took the Chair. Jacob Mills read the Treasurer's Report, and it was adopted on motion of R. C. Edgington.

On motion of Jacob Mills \$500 out of the balance in his hands was ordered turned into the Conference Claimants Permanent Fund.

On motion of C. L. Clifford it was ordered that a page in the Conference Minutes be given the Conference Claimants Endowment Fund, with the names of those who have contributed.

Jacob Mills moved and it was carried that the Treasurer of the Conference procure surety bonds to the amount of \$4,000 in favor of this Conference, the cost of same to be charged to the Funds in the Treasury. (See Sec. 4 Article III of By-laws).

H. K. Holtzinger as District Superintendent presented the matter of the Church Property at Virginia City and Ruby, and on motion of G. D. Wolfe this property was ordered transferred to the Board of Trustees of this Conference.

The matter of the Cemetery at Carlton was also presented by the District Superintendent, and on motion of Charles D. Crouch a vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. McClane of Lolo who has looked after this property.

George D. Wolfe moved that the Conference give a vote of hearty appreciation of the services Jacob Mills has rendered this Conference as Treasurer, for years. This was carried, the Conference rising in unanimous approval.

W. D. Tipton the Secretary of the Board of Trustees and legal adviser of Montana Wesleyan College spoke with regard to the merger of the Educational institutions, and introduced a resolution as to amendment of the charter of Montana Wesleyan College (see resolution). Geo. D. Wolfe moved that the resolution be adopted, and it was carried.

Robert C. Edgington made a statement with regard to the grounds of the Luccock Park Institute, and the following resolutions proposed by Edward Laird Mills were passed:

- (1) That the Conference proceed to take over this property.
- (2) That we elect seven instead of five trustees, and that the Board be instructed to appoint three of its number as a Committee to manage these grounds.
- (3) That the Board of Trustees be instructed to take steps to change the by-laws so as to permit the election of a maximum of fifteen trustees.

The Trustees of the Conference were nominated and elected:

H. G. Humphrey, H. K. Holtzinger, Jacob Mills, A. F. Ritz, R. C. Edgington, N. M. Temple, and Andrew Seaburg.

The Corporate Session was adjourned and the Conference session resumed.

Deaconess. John Chirgwin presented the Deaconesses of our Montana Institutions,—Roxana Beck, Monta Bane, Ruth E. Robertson, Leona Rice, Blanche Baker, Edith R. Ackerman and Donna E. Watts; and Miss Beck and Miss Ackerman addressed the Conference.

Charles D. Crouch, Superintendent of the Deaconess Hospital at Billings gave a report of his work, and it was received with the congratulation of the Conference on the achievement.

John Chirgwin, Field Superintendent of the Montana Deaconess School gave a good report of his labors, and it was received.

H. G. Humphrey moved that 10 o'clock Saturday morning be the **Order of the Day** to hear report of the Joint Commission of the College Merger, and it was so ordered. It was decided to have the Report of Montana Wesleyan College at the same hour.

Jacob Mills was requested by the Bishop to present his son Edward Laird Mills to the Conference; he was given an ovation, the Conference rising. He spoke of the Portland Sales Room, and of the "Pacific Christian Advocate" of which he is Editor. The Bishop referred to Dr. Mills' experience in reporting the Washington Peace Conference for the Advocate as having had much to do with the establishment of the new and permanent Methodist News Service in the Nation's Capital.

C. L. Bovard spoke of "The Area Messenger" of which he is Editor. Time was extended for 15 minutes.

Question 15 was taken up. F. O. Linger and G. J. Stephens were passed in character. The case of F. O. Linger was at his own request referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

Bishop Stuntz having requested that G. J. Stephens be made effective for the purpose of transfer to the Nebraska Conference, his case was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

G. C. Stull retired Chaplain in the Army was passed in character and referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

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Devotions at 8:30 conducted by the Bishop. After singing "Peal out the watchword", A. D. Welch offered prayer, the brethren quoting passages of scripture.

The minutes were read and approved.

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9. (b) Cecil G. Hannan and Aden T. Peck were continued in studies of third year, on recommendation of Board of Examiners and Committee on Conference Relations.

10. What members are in studies of the fourth year? Arthur C. Baer and Ira F. Rankin were advanced to the studies of the fourth year on recommendation of the Board of Examiners and Committee on Conference Relations; Ira F. Rankin on condition that he bring up his reading course.

11. What members have completed the Conference Course of Study? (a) Elected and ordained elders this year. Louis L. Ort-mayer was on recommendation of the Board of Examiners and Committee on Conference Relations graduated from the course of study, and elected to elder's orders. Fred Anstice on similar recommendation was graduated from the Course of Study with the notation "not eligible for elder's orders until 1924."

12. What others have been elected and ordained deacons? (a) as local preachers. Earnest J. Mills recommended by his District Superintendent as fulfilling all disciplinary requirements, and by the Board of Examiners and Committee on Conference Relations was elected to local deacon's orders.

22. What other personal notation should be made? Geo. J. Stephens on recommendation of the Committee on Conference Relations was made effective for the purpose of transfer. The Bishop announced the transfer of G. J. Stephens to the Nebraska Conference on the request of Bishop Stuntz.

W. C. Smith was granted one year's leave of absence at his own request.

Geo. C. Stull was continued, under the notation "retired chaplain" and the Secretary was instructed to find out his present status.

18. Who have been located? J. M. A. Papa was located on the recommendation of the Committee on Conference Relations, and the Special Committee appointed last year.

23. Who are the Supernumerary ministers?

F. O. Linger was on motion of John A. Meeke, the Committee on Conference Relations concurring, continued in his present relation for a sixth year, with the understanding that he be requested to locate.

W. H. Pascoe having requested that he be granted a supernumerary relation, his request was on the recommendation of the Committee on Conference relations granted.

24. Who are the retired ministers?

John A. Badcon, W. H. Calvert, John Hosking, Andrew Kershaw, Geo. D. King, Jacob Mills, A. P. Morrison, Wilder Nutting, and S. A. Oliver were passed in character and continued in their present relation. Brothers Calvert, Hosking, King and Jacob Mills were present, and addressed the Conference: the other retired brethren who were not able to be present, sent greetings to the Conference.

Order of the Day. The Report of the Board of Conference Stewards was made the order of the Day following the College Merger Report.

Rev. Andrew Odegard of the Scandinavian Methodist Episcopal Church, and Rev. Mr. Coberly of the Methodist Episcopal Church South were introduced.

The appreciation of the Conference was on motion of Geo. D. Wolfe conveyed to Dr. Seaton with a request that he convey our thanks to the Board of Education for the help given.

Order of the Day. College Merger. Dr. Burdick, Dean Lemon, and Rev. H. G. Humphrey came to the platform. Dean Lemon submitted his report to the Conference and it was received.

G. D. Wolfe moved and it was carried that the report be handed to the Conference Board of Education, and later returned to the Secretary.

Dr. Burdick addressed the Conference speaking of the merger negotiations amongst the Presbyterians.

C. L. Bovard President of the Board of Trustees, H. G. Humphrey Chairman of the Executive Committee, Professor Paul M. Adams, and Professor Rayner of the Faculty also spoke.

On motion, the Conference rose in **Expression of Appreciation** of the patronage and financial support through the years of Dr. Jacob Mills with the hope that he will continue to be a patron of the college.

Jesse Lacklen was called upon to offer prayer. Dr. Burdick was requested to convey to the Presbyterian Synod, the Christian and Fraternal greetings of the Montana Conference.

The case of R. R. Kletzing was referred to the Bishop.

Board of Stewards. John A. Meeke gave the report of the Board of Conference Stewards, and it was adopted.

Edward Smith who was designated last year Agent for the Conference Claimants Endowment Fund, gave his report; action was deferred pending the arrival of Dr. Oaten.

John A. Meeke on behalf of the Board of Stewards recommended that Jacob Mills the Treasurer invest the one thousand dollars which has been raised for the Endowment Fund and any other amounts which may be added, as a distinct Memorial Fund.

Question of Privilege. The matter of the funeral expenses and some outstanding obligations of our late brother Stephen A. Coburn, was brought to the attention of the Conference, and the Conference assumed its share of these obligations along with the trades-folk and Masonic Body. A Committee of three was appointed, H. K. Holtzinger, Louis L. Ortmyer, and John Chirgwin; the brethren generously responded to the appeal, and on motion it was decided to give to Sister Coburn any amount that may be contributed above what is necessary to meet the obligations. The Conference joined in singing "We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear".

Centenary and World Service. Report of Special Committee given by C. M. Donaldson was adopted.

Rev. A. A. Heist of the Methodist Federation for Social Service addressed the Conference.

Order of the Day. The Representatives of the Lay Electoral Conference were invited to address the Conference at the session to be

held this evening, following the Special Order for the Conference Stewards.

36. Where shall the next Conference be held? The place of next meeting was referred to the Commission on Conference Merger.

Adjournment until 8 o'clock this evening, with benediction by N. M. Temple.

SATURDAY NIGHT

At 8 p. m. the Conference was called to order. After singing, F. T. Spencer led in prayer.

The Journal was approved.

23. On recommendation of the Committee on Conference Relations A. D. Welch was given a supernumerary relation at his own request.

On motion of Robert C. Edgington, the report of the Committee on Memorials was made part of the business session to be held at the close of the Ordination service tomorrow afternoon.

Fraternal Greetings from the Laymen. Chas. E. Avery brought the greetings of the Lay Electoral Conference. E. E. Collins, lay delegate to the General Conference addressed the Conference. The Bishop on behalf of the Conference gave the lay representatives our greetings and heart-love.

Geo. D. Wolfe presented the following resolution expressing **Appreciation of Bishop Burns**, and the Conference adopted it, rising in hearty approval.

Whereas; In God's providence a great hearted leader was sent to lead us and lift us in these crucial days of Kingdom building;

And Whereas; This Area of immense distances, and loyal Methodists, has wonderfully prospered under his loving guidance;

And Whereas; Our entire church, ministers and laymen, feels the importance of the continuance of this fine leadership, and the working out of plans so well laid;

Be it resolved therefore; that we with fine courtesy urge the next General Conference to reappoint our Bishop and Brother beloved, Charles Wesley Burns, to the superintendency of the Helena Area.

Geo. D. Wolfe also presented the following resolution with regard to **The Retention of the Helena Area**, which was carried:

WHEREAS, during the twelve years of its existence as an Episcopal Area, the Helena Area has clearly demonstrated the wisdom of its creation,

AND WHEREAS, during these years the Conferences which compose the Area notwithstanding unprecedented economic, civic and ecclesiastical conditions, have prospered,

AND WHEREAS, in our judgment the geographical and ecclesiastical conditions of this great Area imperatively demand its continuance, and also the retention of our brave, beloved, tireless leader Bishop Charles Wesley Burns as resident Bishop,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That we of the Montana Conference do most earnestly insist that we are unalterably opposed to any impairment of the Helena Area, and hereby repeat our insistence on the continuance of Helena as the residence of our Bishop.

E. C. Bartlett moved that the consideration of the report of the Board of Conference Claimants be deferred until the Conference Claimants Anniversary tomorrow night. It was carried.

Reports of Statistician and Treasurer given by F. C. Fulford and Fred Whitford, were received with thanks. Chas. D. Crouch gave the report on **Conference Merger**, and it was adopted (see report).

Report of **Social Service Committee** by Jesse Lacklen was adopted.

Board of Education report read by Louis L. Ortmyer was adopted, with the re-election of the trustees who retire this year for a term of three years, to be made a part of the report, and with the second Sunday in December as Montana Wesleyan Day.

Report of **Book Concern** by Allan Haldeman adopted.

W. L. Greer brought the matter of **Group Insurance** in the Aetna Life Insurance Co., to the attention of the Conference: on motion of Thomas Hardie the Board of Conference Stewards was constituted a Committee to investigate the matter of group insurance, and report next year.

Auditing Committee report by W. H. Calvert adopted.

Edward Smith moved the following resolution which was carried:

"In view of the closer relations which a merged School will establish between the Presbyterian Church and our own, Be it resolved that this Conference ask its President to designate a fraternal visitor to the meeting of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church, and make plain to them a like returned courtesy from them will be acceptable to this body".

Deaconess Board report read by John Chirgwin adopted.

Report of Special Committee with regard to the Rosebud Deaconess Hospital read by C. L. Clifford and adopted.

Report of **Committee on Hospitals** read by C. L. Clifford and adopted.

Chas. F. Wolfe moved, that all reports be edited by the Secretary, and that the printed Minutes be the **Official Journal** of the Conference; also that we arrange for an exchange of Minutes this year with the brethren of the North Montana Conference. This was carried.

Thos Miller moved and it was carried that the **Missionary Appropriations** for the various charges be printed in the Minutes.

Epworth League report by E. D. Swisher received.

Mrs. Robert C. Edgington was introduced to the Conference.

Adjournment with benediction by Allan Haldeman.

FIFTH DAY, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2nd

Conference met in business session at 4 o'clock, after the Ordination service.

Question 5. Who have been received on trial. William H. Dirrim, on the recommendation of the Board of Examiners and Committee on Conference Relations, he having deposited answers to the disciplinary questions, was received on trial.

Special Order of the Day. The Sifting Committee on **Memorials** presented their report.

The Memorials "A Time Limit on the Bishops Term of Office" and "Nomination of District Superintendents by Annual Conference from the Ministers' Council of the North Dakota Conference, were on motion tabled.

Jesse Lacklen, Thomas Hardie and R. C. Edgington were made a Committee to formulate memorials with regard to the election of District Superintendents and Time Limit on Bishops Term of Office.

Lay Representation in Annual Conferences. "The Gulf Conference Proposal" providing for Lay Members of the Annual Conference was on motion of Paul M. Adams concurred in, 22 voting for, and 3 against.

The Nebraska Proposition was not concurred in; 26 against, and none for. "The Italy Conference Proposition" was not concurred in, 27 against and none for.

Memorials to the General Conference, from the Montana Conference.

As to a World-wide Church. The following Memorial, signed by Edward Laird Mills, was presented by C. M. Donaldson:

WHEREAS, owing to the wide expansion of the Methodist Episcopal Church throughout the world in recent years, the question of its future organization has become acute,

RESOLVED, that the Montana Conference hereby memorialize the General Conference of 1924 to the effect that in its actions and elections emphasis be given to the idea of a world wide Church, federally organized under a single constitution but with a very large degree of local autonomy granted to the Church of any given country; this rather than to encourage the organization from time to time of independent National churches, which would find it difficult to function satisfactorily in the day of International thinking, to which we have now come. To this end we further memorialize the General Conference of 1924 to the effect that no more General Superintendents be elected for service in countries outside of the United States, but that Central Conferences of Eastern Asia and Southern Asia (and such other regions as the General Conference may determine from time to time) be requested to determine the number of superintendents necessary for their work, to elect the same, and to fix their places of residence.

This was unanimously adopted, the vote being 28 for, with none against.

The Course of Study. C. L. Clifford presented the following Memorial, signed by Edward Laird Mills, and on motion it was unanimously adopted (the vote being 29 for, with none against),—

WHEREAS, there is some disturbance in the mind of the Church regarding the Course of Study for Preachers;

RESOLVED that the Montana Conference respectfully memorializes the General Conference of 1924 to take action placing the whole responsibility for choosing the Course of Study upon the Bishops of the Church, allowing them a maximum of two years in which to report, and making the Board of Education entirely responsible for the effective teaching of the same.

CONSOLIDATION OF THE GENERAL BOARDS.

In view of the large and increasing expense of administration in conducting the Connectional and Benevolent interests of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and recognizing the overlapping of activities in some departments of our work, we hereby memorialize the General Conference of 1924,

1. That there be a closer coordination of the various boards and Commissions, and wherever possible a unification of interest and agencies which in a measure at least have common tasks and objectives.

2. To this end we suggest that effort be directed toward securing such unification under the following groupings:

Board of Missions absorbing the Board of Foreign Missions, and the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension.

Board of Education. This to include the Board of Education, Board of Education for Negroes, Board of Sunday Schools, Board of Epworth League, Board of Temperance Prohibition and Public Morals.

Board of Benevolence Including the Board of Hospitals and Homes, Deaconess Board, Board of Conference Claimants, Bible-Society, Committee on Conservation and Advance.

C. L. Clifford moved its adoption, and the resolution was carried unanimously, the vote being 33 for, and none against.

A TIME LIMIT ON THE BISHOP'S TERM OF OFFICE.

(The recommendation of this Memorial and its passage by the Montana Annual Conference was in no way a reflection on our Resident Bishop. Bishop Burns has achieved the impossible in this frontier Area, and the love and esteem in which he is held everywhere has been unanimously expressed in invitations to return. We desire that this be made with the introduction of this Memorial to Committees and to the General Conference.

Signed by the Conference Memorials Committee,

C. L. CLIFFORD,
CHARLES M. DONALDSON,
CHARLES F. WOLFE.

This Memorial, as presented by Thomas Hardie on behalf of the Committee follows:—

The Montana Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church respectfully submit this Memorial to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church of 1924, at Springfield, Mass.

We hereby memorialize the General Conference of 1924 to so change the Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church that the time limit of the Bishop's term of office shall be eight years, subject to re-election, and propose the following changes in the Discipline:—

That Section 204 of the Discipline that reads "A Bishop shall be constituted by the election of General Conference and the laying on of hands of three Bishops, or at least of one Bishop and two elders" shall be amended as follows.—Following the word "Conference" in the second line shall be added the words "for a period of eight years" so that Section 204 shall read as follows: "A Bishop shall be constituted by the election of the General Conference for a period of eight years and be returned to the Annual Conference from which he was elected, subject to re-election, and the laying on of the hands of three Bishops or at least of one Bishop and two Elders".

This was on motion adopted, the vote being 26 for, and 9 against.

THE NOMINATION OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS BY THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

The following Memorial was presented by Thomas Hardie on behalf of the Committee:

The members of the Montana Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church respectfully submit this Memorial to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church of 1924 at Springfield, Mass., concerning the method of nominating District Superintendents.

We hereby memorialize the General Conference of 1924 to so change the Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church that the District Superintendents shall be nominated by the Annual Conference, and propose the following changes in the Discipline:

That section 208, Paragraph 2 of the Discipline which reads "He shall choose and appoint the District Superintendents annually" shall be amended as follows, i. e. that the words "Choose and" in the first line shall be stricken out and the following word "annually" in the second line shall be added the words "on the nomination of the Annual Conference" so that Section 208, paragraph 2 shall read, "He shall appoint the District Superintendents on the nomination of the Annual Conference."

Sections 80, 81, 189 and 208, be made to conform to the following: That upon the written request signed by one third of the members of any District, the same to be in the hands of the Bishop not later than the second day of the Annual Conference Session, one or more nominations, each nomination having a majority of the members of the District, shall be made for District Superintendent of said District, from which nomination or nominations the Presiding Bishop shall appoint the District Superintendent for a period of two years, and that the Annual Conference shall not nominate any District Superintendent for more than 3 consecutive terms of two years each.

Section 189. That the words of the Section be stricken out and the following inserted so that Section 189 shall read: "District Superintendents are to be appointed by the Bishop from the Nomination of the Annual Conference".

This memorial was adopted, the vote being for 24, against 7.

UNIFICATION OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, AND METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH.

On motion of George D. Wolfe, the Conference unanimously adopted the report on the Unification of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. The vote being 31 for, with none against.

PROVISION FOR APPROPRIATION OF MONEY TO THEOLOGICAL SCHOOLS.

(The following Memorial from Dr. E. C. Hickman of the Kimball School of Theology, was concurred in, the vote being 34 for, and none against.

WHEREAS, the Methodist Episcopal Church has repeatedly indicated its interest in, and concern for, the theological schools of the Church, See Book of Discipline, paragraph 456, Section 1, "It is the object of the Board of Education to serve as the officially authorized agency of the Methodist Episcopal Church in behalf of ministerial education", etc. Paragraph 463, Section 5. "The theological schools of the Church shall exist for the benefit of the whole Church", etc., and

WHEREAS, the Methodist Episcopal Church makes nowhere any provision in its financial plan for the support of said theological schools, and

WHEREAS, the theological schools provide educational opportunity at inconsiderable cost to candidates for the Methodist Episcopal ministry, furnishing tuition and room rent free; and

WHEREAS, other philanthropic and educational interests have been allowed to take precedence in public thought over the interests of the theological schools, so that they have been excluded from any adequate share even in the Church's public collection for education, and

WHEREAS, no one of the large Educational Foundations under existing regulations has apparently any provision for aiding denominational theological education, and

WHEREAS, not only the future of the Church but the hope of a Christian civilization for America and the world is dependent upon a trained spiritual leadership

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That we hereby petition the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church to provide some plan for an adequate financial support of its theological schools, made imperative by the ever increasing demands of the Church for such leadership.

Introduction. R. H. Hughes of the Methodist Book Concern, was introduced, and he addressed the Conference.

On motion of C. L. Bovard it was decided to hear the reading of the Resolutions in connection with the evening service.

Reports. Report of Auditor presented by A. D. Welch, was adopted.

On motion of H. K. Holtzinger, the Reports of the Board of Foreign Missions, and the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, were received without reading.

On motion of H. K. Holtzinger, the Journal was adopted without reading.

Adjournment following benediction by John Hosking.

CLOSING SESSION, SUNDAY NIGHT, SEPTEMBER 2nd

At 9:30, the Conference was called to order following the Anniversary of the Board of Conference Claimants, in St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church, Bishop Burns presiding.

2. Who are received by transfer? W. P. Jinnett from the North Dakota Conference.

15. Who have been transferred and to what Conference? Arthur C. Baer, to the North Montana Conference.

Reports. The report of last year of the Board of Stewards was on motion re-adopted.

E. C. Bartlett brought in the recommendation of the Board of Stewards that we assess one per cent of pastor's salary to each Charge, for the Conference Endowment Fund, and this was on motion of Charles M. Donaldson agreed to.

Temperance Report by G. D. Wolfe adopted.

H. W. Woods read the report of the Committee on **Resolutions**, and the Report was adopted.

The **Complimentary Resolution** with regard to **Bishop Charles Wesley Burns** was adopted by a **Rising Vote**.

A vote of thanks was on motion of Geo. D. Wolfe accorded to the Secretary Charles Rhodes together with his assistants.

The presiding Bishop was on motion of Robert C. Edgington, requested to make the **Special Appointments** (see list of appointments), and the Conference agreed that the following brethren should be "Left without appointment to attend School", W. G. R. Dann, Amadeo Trappolini, Carl Knudsen, Walter C. Wampler and W. H. Dirrim.

Edward Smith moved, and it was carried, that after the reading of the appointments, the Conference stand adjourned.

After singing "My Jesus I love Thee", prayer was offered by Edward Smith. The Bishop read the Appointments, and the Conference adjourned without date with benediction by H. G. Humphrey.

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION.

This is to certify that at Helena, Montana, on September 2nd, 1923, assisted by several elders, I ordained Louis L. Ortmyer, as elder in the Church of God. At the same time, I also ordained Ernest J. Mills as local deacon.

Done by authorization of the Montana Annual Conference, in accordance with the discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

I also consecrated, at the same time and place, as deaconess, Ruth E. Robertson.

CHARLES WESLEY BURNS,
Bishop.

This certifies that the foregoing is the Official Journal and is a correct report of the proceedings of the Thirty-seventh Session of the Montana Annual Conference, held at Helena, Montana, August 29th, to September 2nd, 1923.

Charles Wesley Burns

Bishop.

Chas. Rhodes

Secretary.

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Reports

(A) DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS.

Butte District.

Bishop Burns and Brethren: On November first, while serving as pastor of the Livingston charge Bishop Burns appointed me to the superintendency of the Butte District and, quickly as possible our home was made in Helena and the duties of the office were immediately assumed. This, therefore, is my first report.

It is both harder and easier to attempt to follow in the footsteps of those who tread steadily and successfully the path of duty and opportunity. Easier because such folk make highways, harder because of the difficulty in measuring up to the quality of leadership and service which has been given.

Dr. C. L. Bovard, appointed Area Secretary early in the Conference year, had served the Butte District as superintendent for seven years. It is entirely superfluous for me to speak of those full years. Surely the record is made and is one of which any man might be humbly proud. Travelling the length and breadth of the District where this gracious Godly man has loved and labored serves to continually deepen my Christian affection and high regard for him, and confirm the judgment of the men who knew him intimately during the years and of the folk of the parsonage homes where this big brotherly man received and imparted those things of the Spirit which help us all on to God.

In the interim between the appointment of the new Area Secretary and the present district superintendent, Dr. Charles M. Donaldson, then president of Montana Wesleyan cared for the duties of supervision with the thoroughness and kindness which is characteristic of him in all relationships.

In an honest effort to measure up to the high standard set by my predecessors the brethren have been uniformly helpful and cooperative and to them for this and countless other courtesies I give heart thanks.

For more than eleven months of the conference year the messenger whose bidding all must obey had not entered the parsonages of our District. Then sorrow upon sorrow came upon us when Stephen A. Coburn, pastor of Oakes Street Church, Helena, his mother Mrs. Mary A. Coburn and his little son Stephen Edwin were killed in an automobile accident on the afternoon of August twelfth. Mrs. Elizabeth M. Coburn, widow of our brother beloved who also was in the car escaped injury from the accident but suffered severely in an attempt to lift the machine and is still confined to the hospital.

Brother Coburn was a young man of great promise and had already achieved outstanding results for the church and the Kingdom. No one could be more acceptable in any group than he whether church, college or community, younger or older and at the Yellowstone and Glacier Park institutes where he had part in the faculty activities his exuberant spirit of Christian optimism challenged and delighted all the leaguers.

With the splendid cooperation of the folks of Oakes Street Church Brother Coburn had brought to the threshold of dedication the first unit of a great church plant. The community center, when completed will cost more than nine thousand dollars.

This young man possessed of unusual qualities heard the call to the ministry and entered the North Montana Conference in the Fall of 1919. To further prepare himself for his life's work he went to

Simpson College, Iowa in 1920 and served the charge of Arispe for two years. He returned to Montana in June of 1922 to take work at Wesleyan College, was transferred to the Montana Conference at the 1922 session and appointed to Oakes St. Church. He was beloved by his people and college students and faculty. Little Teddy—(Stephen Edwin Coburn)—in his bosom in love in life with him in the long journey.

Funeral services were held in St. Paul's Church, Thursday afternoon Aug. 16 in charge of Bishop Burns and the district superintendent. Dr. H. G. Humphrey, Prof. Paul M. Adams, Dr. C. L. Bovard, Dr. Newman H. Burdick and Dr. C. L. Clifford participated. Memorial service was held at the North Montana conference and interment was made at Great Falls.

For Mrs. Coburn and for Mrs. Alex. Muirden, sister of Brother Coburn our hearts bleed in human sympathy and our prayers go constantly to the Father of all love for His comfort in the hours of deepest sorrow and the long days of loneliness. During the year the father of our deceased brother Coburn and the father of our Brother Bartlett have answered the call to the land beyond the sunset.

They are not dead, they have but passed
Beyond the mists that blind us here,
Into the new and larger life
Of that serener sphere.

The gladness of new life come to earth to be moulded by parental patience, wisdom and love for highest usefulness was the portion of the Drummond parsonage home. John Clayton Haldeman, son of Brother and Sister Haldeman started on what, please God shall be a long life full of good.

There have been several pastoral changes during the year. Rev. Harry M. Cooper who was appointed to Townsend and Radersburg at the last conference session asked to be relieved because of the critical physical condition of his wife. He was transferred to Oregon from whence come encouraging reports that lower altitude and change of climate have already marked great improvement. Brother Cooper was one of the most faithful of pastors and our prayers go with him and his good family for every rich blessing. Because of financial considerations the officials of this charge asked that the appointment of a new pastor be left until the annual conference.

Forrest Tibbitts, student at Montana Wesleyan serving as supply at Clancy and Jefferson desired to make his home with his mother and removed to Washington State where he will continue both his school and ministerial work.

Lawrence Dean, also a Wesleyan student was appointed supply at this point and is doing commendable work. He will apply for admission on trial this year.

Dillon Circuit which has been cared for by the Dillon pastor for several years felt that they could support a man at moderate salary and in order to test it out Clarence Carlson of the Church South was appointed supply. After several months of acceptable service this young man asked to be relieved in order to take vocational training at Missoula from which point he has given occasional service to Lolo and Carleton.

Russell Whealdon, a member of our church at Ronan and student in one of our Southern schools was appointed to Lima and with commendable zeal began evangelistic service and reports half a dozen conversions. It is hoped that a man may be named for this important work in the lower end of Beaverhead county.

Our institutions—Montana Wesleyan College has had a good year. Increase of enrollment over last year of twenty-one per cent. Out of the 211 enrolled, seventy-seven gave their residence in the Butte

District. There were twenty-six graduates, eleven receiving A. B. degree and fifteen diplomas. Prospects are that next year will see the largest enrollment in the history of the College.

Matters relating to the excellent faculty and splendid student body will be presented in detail by Dean Lemon.

After three years of exceptional leadership President Donaldson presented his resignation to the Board of Trustees at the Spring meeting in March which was accepted with regret. The grateful prayers of a great circle of young men and women who have been richly blessed in their intellectual and spiritual lives by this leader of youth will follow Dr. Donaldson wherever he may go assured that there as well as here he will contribute mightily to the building of the Kingdom. Dr. J. W. Hancher of the Board of Education was present at the Spring meeting of the Board of Trustees and we desire to record with appreciation his presence and his counsel.

Dean Lemon, upon whom devolved the responsibilities of bringing the school year to a close magnificently measured up to the task and has shaped up the details looking to the new year with wisdom and understanding.

Rev. Alexander Muir, of the North Montana conference was secured to act as field secretary and will present his report in detail. He has been an asset to the college in the field in creating general good will and a favorable attitude toward the institution.

The merger which has been pending for some while was accepted in principle by the Presbyterian Synod and details given into the hands of a joint committee to be worked out. The next year will probably be one of the epoch marking periods in the history of the college.

Butte Deaconess Hospital—Four hundred seventy-five patients have received treatment during the year and free work to the value of \$1868 has been given.

Donations from churches in the District—cash, fruits, vegetables and linens amounting to nine hundred dollars have been received.

Two nurses were graduated in June and at present there are three student nurses in training.

Mrs. Ida Nepper, superintendent has given splendid service and supervision during the past year but feels that for health reasons she must be relieved of the superintendency.

Pressure of outstanding financial obligations, dearth of student nurses and need for securing a new superintendent present real problems in connection with this institution which has rendered the highest quality of service in HIS name in the past. There is real need for this ministry in the City of Butte and it is earnestly hoped that the Board and the Church may devise such plans as will perpetuate and enlarge the work of this Hospital.

Dr. N. E. Davis corresponding secretary of the Board of Hospital and Homes has visited us and given of his time and interest to our problems.

The Deaconess School—Enrollment of eighty six for the past year. Class of eight boys and eight girls was graduated from the eighth grade with good standing.

A new departure was a joint program with Wesleyan College at the Shrine Temple in January. A full house testified to the appreciation in which the school is held in its home town.

Finances came in nicely so that running expenses were met and under the enthusiastic leadership of Rev. John Chirgwin sufficient funds were secured to extend the Brother Van Memorial two additional stories.

Prospects for a full house and a good year are very bright. All honor to Miss Beck and her associates who have wrought so well in this noble work for the children.

Our publications—The publications which are peculiarly ours—THE AREA MESSENGER and THE PACIFIC CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE have brought to us throughout the year news of the church and the World, with editorial comment giving direction to our thinking of the highest character and we give to our editors Dr. C. L. Bovard and Dr. Edward Laird Mills our sincere appreciation of their services and renew our pledge of heartiest cooperation.

A summary of the spiritual achievements—It is possible that totals will be slightly changed as they appear in the statistical reports but in the main these figures are approximately correct. Three hundred seventy-five conversions with a net increase in membership of four hundred. Considering the large exodus from some charges these membership figures are gratifying. Sunday School enrollment and attendance will probably show some increase. A number of daily vacation Bible schools have been held with great success.

Rev. C. I. Andrews, our efficient and brotherly Conference Sunday School worker has given considerable time in organization and development work on the District at the earnest request of the superintendent and everywhere has been received gladly and gratefully. We desire to express our hearty appreciation of Brother Andrews' excellent service and sincerely hope we may have his fine cooperation in the year—the years to come.

Epworth League matters have taken on new life with the advent of three Institutes in the State this Summer. None of these gatherings have been on the Butte District hence we have had widest liberty in commending each and all and giving of our folk as faculty and students to each. It is our belief that no movement in the church today offers larger possibilities than these groups of young men and women met together in normal environment under leadership which leads persuasively to dedication of time, talent and possession to the things that make for the Kingdom of Righteousness.

Junior and Intermediate work has advanced during the twelve months. These are essential links in the influences which build Christian character and should be a part of the activities of every church. Oakes St. Junior League first. Phillipsburg second in contest for State Banner.

In connection with Sunday School and Epworth League work it may be said that the possibilities of achievement thru the work of Director of Religious Education and Director of Social and Recreational Life are taking more definite shape in the thinking of our pastors and leaders and additional churches are appointing folks adapted to these tasks to the comparatively new offices.

Reports from the Womens Auxiliaries of both the Foreign and Home Missionary Societies indicate that the year has been a fruitful one in that ministry which looks beyond the local needs to the fields outside—even unto the uttermost parts of the earth.

Throughout the district the Ladies Aid Societies, as is their custom, have rendered excellent account of their stewardship. Things spiritual and material have come out of the storehouse of their consecrated service. It is fitting that mention be made of the ladies of St. Paul's Church who throughout the conference session are caring for the entertainment of delegates in the spacious quarters of Mills Hall.

Building and Improvements—Ten thousand dollars has been spent for improvements to church and parsonage property.

The first unit of Oakes Street Church has about been completed. It was the purpose of Brother Coburn to have the building dedicated during the conference session. The cost of this completed community center will be more than nine thousand dollars.

Mountain View completely renovated, painted and changed the basement at a cost of three thousand dollars. This gives required Sunday School space and ideal recreational facilities.

Philipsburg began with modest improvements to parsonage property and then launched into a building program for an educational, recreational building which will join the church and cost between three and four thousand dollars. Two thousand dollars has already been subscribed by members and friends of the church.

St. Paul's has made many minor improvements in preparing for the annual conference and will place a new heating plant before the coming of cold weather.

Trinity, Butte has spent a thousand dollars in beautifying their spacious auditorium and Mt. Bethel will spend as much in converting their basement into a modern Sunday School and social room.

On the Big Blackfoot circuit the most encouraging work is at Ovando and the pastor will live there in the future. Two buildings in excellent condition will be purchased for five hundred dollars, and moved for one hundred dollars. They will be placed on foundations laid by the school board in payment for use of part of the buildings while new public school is being built, and located next to the church. One building will be used as a parsonage the other as a social hall. The conference board of trustees will be asked for the money received from the sale of the Ovando parsonage some years ago to pay for these buildings. Missoula has covered the entire lower floor of their fine building with cork linoleum at a cost of over one thousand dollars.

Unity, Butte has redecorated the auditorium and made important changes in the basement at a cost of four hundred fifty dollars.

In most of the churches and parsonages minor improvements and betterments have been made.

Centenary and World Service—It is possible for the great benevolent program of the church to become a name—for Centenary to mean money and not much more than money, just payments and thus increase the difficulty of keeping it in the hearts of our people, out of which alone come the issues of life. We have tried to cooperate with the pastors in keeping this greatest of missionary movements one of flesh and blood, life and spirit.

The District aim—"at least as much as last year." At the time this report is written indications seem to be that the goal has not quite been reached. The pastors have done their best and we trust that last hour payments may yet bring in sufficient amounts to reach or go beyond the goal. The Area Training Council which met in Helena June 11 and 12 in charge of Bishop Burns and Area Secretary Bovard and led by Dr. Ralph E. Diffendorfer, a gathering of the constituted leadership of the Area in what has repeatedly been called the most unique and impelling gathering ever held in this section put World Service in the forefront of the thinking of all who were privileged to attend. I am happy to be able to report that the churches of the District have accepted their first year World Service apportionments and several have accepted additional amounts which will make it possible in redistributing amounts to the charges to bring down some apportionments which could not be reached and thus hearten these churches by putting the benevolent askings in the range of possibility.

The new program—a year at a time—a World service book in every home—enthusiastic information from the pulpit—a functioning apportioned benevolence committee will I believe put the missionary program over 100%. Dr. E. C. Parlin of China, on furlough and Westbound to sail for the Orient was assigned to the District for missionary service and visited all but two or three of the charges bringing a personal message of the achievements and needs which stimulated interest and giving. We desire to record our pleasure in knowing this splendid representative of the Board of Foreign Missions and our appreciation of his services.

At the close of the Area Council meeting the Deaconess Educational Conference was held under the leadership of Dr. D. W. Howell, secretary of the Deaconess Board and Miss Jessie Arbuckle of the department of personnel.

Group meetings—June 26 and 27 a District Rally largely attended under the leadership of Bishop Burns and the district superintendent was held in Mountain View Church, Butte—all the churches of the city uniting in entertaining the delegates.

Bishop Oldham of South America, Dr. Phoebe Ferris of India, Dr. E. C. Parlin of China and United States Senator B. K. Wheeler brought messages which were informing and inspiring. These days spent together in fellowship were productive of clearer thinking, higher visioning of the whole task of the church.

The School for Rural pastors under the direction of Dean Valentine Deich of Gooding College was held at Wesleyan May 7—17. Dr. C. L. Bovard, Dr. J. B. Hawk, district superintendent of Portsmouth, Ohio and Dr. H. G. McAllister, pastor of our church in Gooding, together with Dean Deich constituted the faculty. Special lectures were given by Dean Lemon and Prof. Raymer and the school came to a close with a soul stirring address by our Bishop.

The attendance was large and representative, the work and spirit characterized by Dean Deich as excellent and the prospects for next year are for increased attendance and efficiency.

The School of Theology met at Wesleyan following the School for Rural pastors. Prof. Paul M. Adams was dean, Dr. Eugene C. Hickman, president of Kimball School of Theology was special lecturer and representatives selected from the Montana and North Montana conference boards of examiners cooperated in the conduct of the school which was an unqualified success. The attendance was fifteen. This is the first school of theology held in the area and so proved its essential worth that it is the earnest hope and expectation that it shall be held annually.

Special mention—Unification—Unification goes on to perfection leastwise on the Butte district. The success of the Federated Churches at Stevensville has been so outstanding that a similar plan has been worked out involving our church at Three Forks and the South church at Willow Creek.

These two communities six miles apart will be served by one pastor next year. The pastor will be appointed by Bishop Burns and live at Three Forks. He will be named as supply pastor by the South church serving Willow Creek.

And now credit where it is due—the charges in detail—

ALBERTON—Full pastoral support paid by the charge. Twelve new members. Mrs. McAllister in the heart of the community.

ANACONDA—Rev. E. C. Bartlett—Fifteen conversions, 33 net increase in membership. Centenary up to last year. New Sunday School records. Four thousand dollars pledged on debt and improvement fund.

AVON—Rev. Alvin Taylor—Student charge—difficult situation to meet with occasional services. High type of ministry given.

BIG BLACKFOOT—Rev. Samuel Fletcher—A large missionary field cultivated in love. Slight increase in membership, two conversions. New Ford presented to pastor to take place of one wrecked in accident. Parsonage and social hall now being purchased at Ovando.

GRACE AND WESLEY CHAPEL—Rev. Charles F. Wolfe. 16 conversions—some gain net membership. A good year—Sunday School contest with excellent results—Unusually fine musical features, good congregations at all services crowded church in evening—Centenary up.

MOUNTAIN VIEW—Dr. C. L. Clifford—A great year—Personal evangelism culminated at Easter with large ingathering. 42 conversions. One hundred fourteen added to full membership. Night School of Religion—Daily Vacation Bible School—Twenty-two young people go to college. 11 Freshmen, extensive physical improvements. Dr. Clifford serves the church at large as dean of Yellowstone and Glacier institutes.

TRINITY AND MT. BETHEL—Rev. F. T. Spencer—Twenty-seven conversions, net gain in membership of 23. Excellent Junior and Intermediate Leagues, building and improvements at both churches—splendid spirit in combined quarterly conferences and at every point.

UNITY AND SILVER BOW—Rev. H. W. Woods—Twenty conversions—Unusual work in original pageantry. Extensive improvements. Good Epworth Leagues.

CLANCY AND JEFFERSON—Student appointment Lawrence Dean—Good congregations. Fine Saturday evening community programs. Pastor will be received into annual conference on trial this year.

DILLON—Rev. Edward Smith—Outstanding ministry of pastor commends alike to school and community. Unique evening services held during the Summer. Brother Smith cared for work on Dillon circuit for seven months and gave attention to the beginnings of Conference Claimants matters.

DILLON CIRCUIT—served by two supplies Clarence Carlson and Russel Whealdon. Six conversions, beginning we trust of church membership.

DRUMMOND AND HALL—Rev. Allan Haldeman—Two conversions, six net gain in membership. New Sunday School, records, Centenary better than last year. Largely attended Ladies Aid meetings held thruout the charge.

HAMILTON AND SULA—Rev. Thomas Miller—Twenty conversions, achieving Epworth League—enlarging use of Social Hall. Changing constituency.

OAKES STREET—Closing conference year in great sadness—Twenty conversions. New Church practically completed. Heroic work by pastor and people. State J. L. Banner.

ST. PAUL'S—Rev. H. G. Humphrey—Gains in all departments, forty conversions, 66 net gain in membership. Excelling Sunday School. Increase in Centenary accepts two hundred dollars additional on first year World service apportionment.

McALLISTER—Rev. Ernest Mills—Large circuit—Good work. New Sunday school organized—student nurse takes training at Butte Hospital. Improvements.

MISSOULA—Rev. Jesse Lacklen—Our University church. Eighty one net gain in membership. Increase in Centenary. Accepts 500 dollars additional apportionment for first years World service. Epworth League Budget 2700. Extensive improvements. Ministry to college students. A great year.

PHILLIPSBURG—Rev. Fred Anstice—Nine conversions—Splendid work among the young people. Community building under way. Two thousand raised locally.

RONAN AND ROUND BUTTE—Rev. Ralph Carleton—Fifty three conversions, net membership increase 36. Hundred and ten per cent increase in Centenary. Special social work. A year of achievement.

ST. IGNATIUS—Three conversions, three net increase in membership. Slight increase in Centenary. Rev. L. E. Simes.

SHERIDAN AND TWIN BRIDGES—Rev. C. E. Cunningham—Centenary will show slight advance. All bills paid and claims met. Membership losses because of removals. Twin Bridges real problem.

STEVENSVILLE—Rev. Geo. Reid—Work of the Federated Churches still advances in the appreciation of the community. Finances not quite equal to last year. Successful Daily Vacation Bible School. Accepts 200 additional world service appropriation.

SUPERIOR AND ST. REGIS—Rev. John A. Smith—Centenary met. Daily Vacation Bible School. Improvements.

THOMPSON AND PLAINS—Rev. Charles Rhodes—Nineteen conversions, 15 increase in membership. Missionary program presented. Helpful ministry in large field.

THREE FORKS—Rev. Thos. H. Barker—Nine accessions. Centenary equal to last year. Faithful ministry.

TOWNSEND AND RADERSBURG—For the second time in two years this charge comes to conference without a pastor. Losses in every department because of this despite the loyal support of those in the community who love the church. Hopeful that next year will see a turn in the tide.

WHITEHALL CIRCUIT—Rev. Geo. C. Lee—pastor new among us this year in the hearts of the people. Gain of six in membership. Centenary about same. Excellent Sunday Schools.

WINSTON AND MARYSVILLE—Edwin Dover—student charge faithfully served. Services given at Silver instead of Winston. Seven conversions. Centenary about as last year.

And to the retired men who blazed the paths of preparation for peace which we are treading today and to the widows of those into whose toil we have entered we pay our tribute of love, appreciation and respect.

In gratitude to God for His infinite blessings and with deep appreciation of the privilege of service in Christ's name with the men and women whose names have been called and with the constituency they represent this report is respectfully presented.

H. K. HOLTZINGER.

YELLOWSTONE DISTRICT.

Bishop, Brethren and Friends:—

Introduction.

It seems fitting, in reviewing briefly the work of the year, to call the roll of those, who by their untiring labors, fidelity to Jesus Christ, and loyalty to their great church, have made success and advancement on the Yellowstone District possible.

First, let us pay a tribute to the loyal, royal, ladies of our Parsonage homes who share the burdens, cheer the preachers, iron out the wrinkles and cease not to labor for the advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom. The birds would not sing so sweetly, nor the sun shine so brightly; the preachers would not preach so eloquently, nor the district superintendent fare so sumptuously if this band of godly women should go on a strike.

Roll Call.

ASHLAND AND BIRNEY—Rev. P. A. Kliever answers with a S. S. more than doubled, a good revival, eleven accessions, bills paid and a bright outlook. Ashland is now sixty-two miles from a R. R. but one is now building.

BAKER CIRCUIT—Percy H. Davies arrived in September, 1922, and with him came inspiration, confidence, organization, new life. A loyal, loving people rallied to his leadership. The social and recreational unit of the new church was begun and completed. This fine building 32x72 feet with full basement will be dedicated by Bishop Burns this fall. A new Chevrolet makes it possible for Rev. Davies to give services to Knobbs and Scowles.

BILLINGS FIRST CHURCH—Easily the leading church in the city. Large audiences. All church organizations keeping step with the forward program. A great revival. The church has never closed a year with its finances in better shape. The pastor, Dr. Geo. D. Wolfe, has given unstinted service, which has brought results and been greatly appreciated.

Rev. C. I. Andrews, our S. S. Field worker calls Billings home. Brother Andrews has done a fine constructive piece of work which is highly commended by the brethren. Sunday School work has been unusually good this year.

BILLINGS DEACONESS HOSPITAL—Of Dr. Charles D. Crouch, we may well say, he touched the dead corpse of the Billings Deaconess Hospital and it sprung into life, he smote the rock of financial resources and abundant streams gushed forth. The laying of the corner stone by the Masonic Grand Lodge of the state, when Bishop Burns made the memorable address, was a piece of rare statesmanship on the part of Superintendent Dr. Crouch who will make his own report, \$20,000 has been raised this year and the property is now valued at \$100,000.

BOZEMAN—Still on the map with Dr. Robert P. Smith at the helm. Eight years in this college town has given Dr. Smith a fine knowledge and a strong hold on the life of the city. The evangelistic campaign was very successful. Claims all met in full.

BOZEMAN DEACONESS HOSPITAL—Four Deaconesses in this hospital, the superintendent, Miss Edith Ackerman, and her able assistants, Mary Ellen Davidson, Annabelle Harper and Grace Linfield. The financial campaign in October raised more than \$25,000 in cash and subscriptions. The hospital is very popular, has a fine medical staff and a training school second to none.

BRIDGER—has had a good year under the able leadership of Rev. Harry E. Chappell. He refuses to drive his Jitney above 50 miles per hour, nevertheless he gets to Joliet on time and has done a good work there in spite of the unchained lions in the way. Successful revival at Bridger; Sunday School excellent. Finances good. Brother G. J. S. Abels has done heroic service at Clyde Park. He succeeded in lifting the Church debt which has been an affliction for years.

FAIRVIEW CIRCUIT—Rev. F. M. Latham has won the hearts of the people. Church improvement. Young peoples' work and a good revival are much talked of.

FORSYTH—Rev. Fred Whitford answers with a good revival in October, large increase in S. S. attendance, and Centenary on the up slant. Salary will be increased next year.

THE DEACONESS HOSPITAL AT FORSYTH—under the able, businesslike management of Superintendent Miss Ruth E. Robertson, with her two deaconess assistants, Miss Donna Watts and Miss Emily Cummins, and a fine corps of nurses, is beautifully demonstrating the gospel of service, increasing in popularity, friends and good deeds.

FROMBERG, EDGAR AND BOYD—Rev. A. C. Baer sees visions and extracts coins. The new social and recreational building at the rear of the church was dedicated by Bishop Burns, August 15th. The beau-

tiful library room built and furnished by the Womans' Club is a sample of Rev. Baer's ability to focus community interests. Edgar has taken on new life in their newly decorated church, and Boyd as usual moves steadily onward.

GLENDIVE—suffered a change of pastors in mid-year. Suffered, however, is not the word for while Rev. Ross had greatly endeared himself to the people, they find in Dr. Charles M. Donaldson those rare qualities of wise leadership, geniality and pulpit ability which have won their hearts and enables the church to answer all claims met in full, benevolences on the up grade, membership gain of 42, and the Sunday School on high water mark.

HARDIN—Facing almost unsurmountable financial difficulties, Rev. J. A. Meeke's third year has been his best. Salaries paid, a good evangelistic meeting. \$1700 paid on indebtedness and a determined optimistic pastor and people.

HUNTLEY CIRCUIT—Three months of quarantine and a bank failure would account for most any shortage. However, Louis L. Ort-mayer doesn't make excuses. He has a fine report for the year. A good revival at Worden. Increase of membership. Wheatley going forward rapidly. Three fine Sunday Schools. It takes more than scarlet fever, even though it seriously attacks the wife, both boys and the preacher; it only reveals the loyalty of the people, the dauntless courage of the preacher, and causes all to rejoice that the family is unbroken and all are ready for a big year.

INGOMAR CIRCUIT—Rev. W. C. Smith has done another faithful year's work on this difficult, unappreciative field and there is general regret that ill health forbids his return another year. Sumatra has four exceptional young people preparing for special Christian service and one young man recommended for Local Preacher's license, and be admitted to this conference on trial.

LAUREL—No town in the state was more cruelly torn by the R. R. strike than Laurel. It took Christian statesmanship to pilot the church safely through. Rev. E. D. Swisher, quietly, wisely led his church through this period and deserves much credit. Two bank failures added to his joys.

LUTHER AND FISHTAIL—Pronounced impossible by one preacher, Rev. A. T. Peck went on the field in April and after five months pecking away reports four fine Sunday Schools, and claims met in full and the people planning for big things.

LIVINGSTON—After fifteen months of fine service in Livingston, Rev. Holtzinger was appointed Superintendent of the Butte District and in November, Rev. N. M. Temple was appointed to the Livingston pastorate. Although torn by four months of R. R. strike and a bank failure, the church reports a good year; increased the salary of the new pastor \$500.00. This places Livingston in the same class with Bozeman, Helena, Miles City, and Glendive where she belongs.

MILES CITY—Rev. Thomas Hardie has done a very important and unique work as pastor here. In five years the membership has increased from 204 to 310, salary from \$1200 to \$2700 and house. A \$9000 debt paid and \$9000 more raised to complete the building,—\$18,000 in all, with the last \$1000 now in bank. The church is thoroughly organized and occupies a very high place in the city. Four hundred dollars more Centenary money raised this year than last.

PINE CREEK, "The Beautiful"—The Ponath Highway, leading from the Yellowstone trail to Luccock Park is a fitting memorial to the leadership of Rev. O. G. Ponath and the loyalty of the fine Pine Creek people.

RICHEY CIRCUIT—Rev. Cecil G. Hannan has had a great year at Richey. His preaching and genial spirit are greatly appreciated. A building program was launched last fall and this summer a new church 30x54 was begun. The full basement is complete and the work is going forward. The church when complete will cost about \$8000.

RED LODGE—Rev. Fred C. Fulford has covered himself with laurels this year. Roberts under his pastorate has had the greatest year in its history. Red Lodge has long needed a new church. Under the wise leadership of the pastor they have purchased the fine building, erected but not finished by the Christians, which when completed will be worth from \$17,000 to \$20,000. Bishop Burns will dedicate it in November. Centenary on the upgrade, membership gain of 40.

SIDNEY—Sidney has had no pastor, no place for S. S. or public worship. They have been working with Congregational Church but maintaining their identity. They paid off a thousand dollar debt on the parsonage and have begun the first unit of a \$30,000 plant. This unit will be 44x80 feet and cost about \$25,000. The basement is dug, material on the ground, contract let and work begun.

SIDNEY DEACONESS HOSPITAL—While our Church is without a pastor our hospital is not without a superintendent. Miss Monta Bane and her able assistant, Miss Cora Meneley, are much in evidence. Everyone in and around Sidney points with pride to this fine building and speaks in praise of the splendid work of the deaconesses.

WIBAUX—Rev. W. H. Calvert had a severe illness during the winter but has done a good year's work and is able to give a fine account of himself and bring up a splendid report. Rev. Calvert is greatly honored and loved by the people of Wibaux.

WILSALL—We have never seen anything come quite so near knocking Rev. Walter L. Greer out as a little, old, baseball. While almost disabled the last five weeks of the conference year, he has a splendid report with increase in membership and salary. The indoor institute in January was a great success. His hard work and sacrifice made the institute at Luccock Park possible.

PASTOR AT LARGE—Rev. A. D. Welch did excellent work in this field. Everywhere he went he won the hearts of the people and saved some difficult situations. When Rev. Peck took up the Luther and Fishtail work, Park City and Reed Point were without a pastor. Rev. Welch took up the work very ably and was enthusiastically received.

THE ROLL CALL—of the Yellowstone District would not be complete if we failed to mention our General Superintendent. Bishop Burns is known, honored and loved in every parsonage home on the District. The preachers feel they have in him a friend, co-laborer and brother. No distance too great, no place too small, no task too hard. He always captures our people with his fine personality and eloquent sermons and addresses. The people of Yellowstone District would respond with a loud and long applause and hearty Amen if they could hear me say, we earnestly desire and urgently request that our beloved Bishop, Charles Wesley Burns, be returned to us another quadrennium and the Helena Area be kept intact.

Luccock Park.

The work done and institutes held at Luccock Park have been reported through the papers. Suffice it to say that those who bore the brunt of things were highly pleased with results.

We greatly appreciated Bishop Burns' visit. Like the Dutchman's baby it was short and sweet. The campfire address and Sunday sermons were eloquent, timely and much talked of. It was a great thing to have him with us even a short time. Bring your wife next year bishop and stay longer.

Of the 26 preachers on the Yellowstone District, 20 attended the Institute, also 7 of the Butte District men. More than a thousand people visited the Institute. There were 120 Sunday School registrations and 166 Epworth League. There were expended in cash and donated labor as follows—road \$3000, tabernacle \$2100, other buildings, tents, etc. \$400, cots (freight only) \$107, a total of \$5607. This is all cared for and enough more to get out logs for a large 40 ft. kitchen and cafeteria. This should be begun very soon. Our friends are ready to begin the construction of a large 30x50 foot commissary.

No fewer than ten cabins and lodges will be built within the year. There is a possibility of a fine memorial administrative building. At any rate there will be plenty of buildings to house our merged Conference and the next session of the Montana Annual Conference should be held at Luccock Park.

Building.

The building program of the District has gone steadily forward. Baker, Fromberg, Red Lodge, Richey and Sidney have each had on a building program. When completed their plants will cost about as follows: Baker \$8000, Fromberg \$5000, Red Lodge \$18,000, Richey \$8000, and Sidney \$25,000, a total of \$64,000. Of this there is now raised in cash and pledges \$41,470.

Repairs are reported as follows: Fairview \$310, Forsyth \$300, Glendive \$442, Richey \$150, Miles City \$700, Billings \$1200, Joliet \$200, Livingston \$200, a total of \$3505.00.

Paid on old indebtedness: Miles City, \$1000, Richey \$240, Hardin \$170, Wibaux \$500, Sidney \$1000, Laurel \$300, Clyde Park \$450, Edgar \$600, Huntley \$200, Total \$5990.

Total Building repairs, and paid on indebtedness, \$50,962. To this may be added the expenditure at Luccock Park, \$5,607, Bozeman Hospital \$25,000, Billings Hospital \$20,000, Sidney Hospital \$1180, making a grand total this year (of fore-closures and bank failures) of \$102,649. Of this amount \$14,885 comes from the outside, the largest single gift being \$6,500 from an Ohio friend.

Our District has been visited frequently by hustling John Chirgwin in the interests of the Deaconess School. I do not know how many thousand dollars the Yellowstone contributed to this worthy institution.

We just naturally claim the big Area Secretary but we don't know just how to establish our claim since he insists on residing in the village of Helena.

We gratefully acknowledge the fine cooperation and help given by our Church Boards, especially the Home Mission and Church Extension, the Board of Education, Board of Hospitals and Homes and the General Deaconess Board. Nor do we forget the kindly help of the W. H. M. S.

Summary.

Reports will show that salaries have been lowered at no point and raised at Livingston, Richey, Baker, Clyde Park, Fairview, Park City, and Roberts. The brethren have religiously pro-rated as the Discipline requires. There will be both Sunday School and membership increase. The Epworth League work is most encouraging. The Ladies Aids have been very busy and have been a great aid socially, financially, and spiritually. Some of our Aids have taken up Missions and Bible Study. There has been an awakening along evangelistic lines. The meetings held by the Lingrens were fraught with great

good; revivals were held in almost every church. There is a quickened interest in church affairs throughout the District. People are anxious for the gospel in its simplicity and beauty. They are looking for a salvation that will save from sin and save unto a life of purity, service and sacrifice.

Crop conditions were never better. People are hard-pressed but optimistic and happy. The preachers feel the challenge and are under the load with a will. We regret that the Centenary will not meet our prayerful expectation. A few charges have passed last year's mark but some apparently could not reach it. The hopeful sign is that our pastors are greatly concerned about this and with the World Service program to give inspiration and leadership another year will show healthy gain.

For whatever of good that may have been accomplished on the District this conference year, for whatever of spiritual and material growth, to the heroic preachers, their faithful wives and loyal church workers, be all of the honor, and to God our Father and His Son be all the glory.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBT. C. EDGINGTON,

(B) COMMITTEES AND BOARDS.

Auditors.

I have examined the reports of the Conference Treasurer and the Treasurer of the Conference Incorporation, and find them correct.

A. D. WELCH.

The accounts of the District Superintendents have been examined and they are correct in every feature.

W. H. CALVERT.

Book Concern.

We have nothing but commendation for the Methodist Book Concern for the high quality of its publications, and recommend to the preachers and laymen the loyal support of the literary output of this part of our general Church organization which is issuing a well-balanced list of volumes touching the several phases of modern life and thought. May the devotional, educational and Social Service books and periodicals go into every home in the Conference.

We commend Dr. Edward Laird Mills, our own Conference brother, for the exceptionally fine Advocate he is giving the Church, and for the fair, fearless way all questions are dealt with in its pages, and recommend that unanimous support be given to this our Church paper of the North-West in order that a greater interest on the part of both pastors and members in the promotion of the Christian program of Methodism in Montana, America and the world. Also, we recommend the observance of Good Literature Day, November 18th when the "Pacific Christian Advocate" shall be presented from the pulpits of this Conference.

ALLAN HALDEMAN,
W. L. GREER,
P. L. DAVIES.

"The Messenger."

We commend the fine work of those who by their tireless efforts have given to the Helena Area a purely Helena Area Publication "The Messenger" and recommend that it be continued, and we pledge it our support.

ROBT. C. EDGINGTON.

Centenary—World Service.

1. We express our appreciation to the Committee on Conservation and Advance for the **World Service Book** that has been provided for

our use in promoting the benevolent agencies of our Church. We agree to introduce this book into our study classes, and devotional meetings. We also pledge ourselves to join the promoters of our World Service in the highly strategic effort to have one of these books placed in every Methodist home.

In this same connection, we also would express our appreciation of the fine service rendered us by the visit of the team and its illuminating expositions of the needs of our fields and Centenary accomplishments.

2. In view of the emergency in closing our benevolent fiscal year, we agree to devote our best energies between now and October 31st on our Centenary pledges, and securing wherever possible new gifts for the purpose of meeting a sum equal to last year. This sum from the entire Conference equals the combined amounts of our present year's deficiency and the total of our September-October remittances last year, respectively \$3,214 plus \$2,461 or \$5675. We do not advise any division of this sum into quotas for charges or districts, but we do agree as pastors and District Superintendents to use our utmost endeavors to secure the collection and forwarding during these two months of this sum to our Centenary Treasurer.

3. We heartily endorse plans for the World Service Campaigns, and hereby assume our respective shares of the amount asked from our Conference. We do not think it advisable to set out in detail a uniform plan for the introduction and promotion of the World Service in our charges.

We believe that the District Superintendents and the pastors of our charges will know best when to launch their financial campaigns; we would, however, urge that all financial campaigns be completed not later than November 30th.

We voice our hearty appreciation to the Area Office for considerate, courteous treatment, and pledge to Dr. Bovard, the Bishop and the Church, our heartiest cooperation in pushing the World Service program to a glorious consummation.

C. M. DONALDSON.

Deaconess Board.

The Deaconess Board of the Montana Conference convened Helena, the seat of Conference, on August 31st, 1923.

The following Membership Questions were asked and answered:—

1. Has the standing of each Deaconess been approved? The character of each Deaconess was passed by their respective Superintendents and Quarterly Conferences.

2. Who have been received by transfer and from what Conference? Emily M. Cummins, from the North Montana Conference. Donna Courtage, from the Puget Sound Conference.

3. Who have been transferred and to what Conference? Ruby Hulbert to the Puget Sound Conference, to work in the Deaconess Children's Home at Everett, Wash. F. Elizabeth Yates and Augusta Nelson, to the Puget Sound Conference to labor in the Spokane Deaconess Hospital. Bina K. Fry, transferred to West Ohio Conference.

4. Who have been received as Probationers? Ruth Popejoy from Cedar Falls, Iowa.

5. Who are the Probationers? In studies of the First year. Ruth Popejoy.

5. Who are the Probationers? In studies of the second year. Gertrude Cox, Helen Richmond.

6. Who have been licensed as Deaconesses? Roxana Beck, Helen E. Piper, Ethel Hancock, Leona Rice, Hattie R. Kissell (leave of absence), Bina K. Fry (transferred), Monta Bane, Cora E. Meneley, Donna E. Watts, Augusta Nelson (transferred), Anna Helickson (leave

of absence), Edith R. Ackerman, Mary E. Davidson, Annabelle Harper, H. Grace Linfield, F. Elizabeth Yates (transferred), Blanche Baker, Donna Courtnage.

7. Who have been consecrated as Deaconesses? Ruth E. Robertson, R. N. Superintendent Forsyth Deaconess Hospital, licensed, and then consecrated by Bishop Charles Wesley Burns, Sunday afternoon, September 2nd.

8. Who have been elected Associate Deaconesses? Mrs. I. M. Popejoy, Mrs. Minnie A. Piper, Grace I. Driver, Faye B. Wolfe.

9. Who have been re-elected Associate Deaconesses? Mrs. Minnie A. Piper.

10. Who have been re-admitted? None.

11. Who are the Retired Deaconesses? None.

12. Who have been granted Leave of Absence? Hattie R. Kissell, second year. Anna Helickson, third year.

13. Who have received Honorable Discharge? None.

14. Who have been discontinued? None.

15. Who have withdrawn? None.

16. Who have been suspended? None.

17. Who have been expelled? None.

18. Who have died? None.

19. Where are the Deaconesses appointed? Roxana Beck, Helen C. Piper, Leona Rice, Blanche Baker, Ethel Hancock, Donna Courtnage, Helen Richmond, Gertrude Cox, Montana Deaconess School, Helena:

Edith R. Ackerman, Mary E. Davidson, Annabelle Harper, H. Grace Linfield, Bozeman Deaconess Hospital.

Monta Bane, Cora F. Meneley, Sidney Deaconess Hospital.

Ruth E. Robertson, Donna E. Watts, Forsyth Deaconess Hospital.

Elected—President, Roxana Beck; First Vice-President, Edith R. Ackerman; Second Vice-President, Donna E. Watts; Secretary-Treasurer, John Chirgwin.

. Deaconess School.

Dear Bishop and Brethren:

It is with much thankfulness that I present to this Conference my tenth annual report as Field Superintendent of the Montana Deaconess School.

I was appointed to my present position by Bishop Luccock at the 1913 Montana Conference. At that time, this institution found it difficult to pay the interest on a \$30,000.00 indebtedness. The banks were then desirous of having the principal as well as the interest on the indebtedness paid. The enrollment in the school was only about one-half of what it is today and the deficit at the end of the year for current expenses was no small amount.

In 1917, the Board of Directors met at a banquet in the Placer Hotel Helena and there burned about Thirty Thousand Dollars worth of notes, clearing the property of all indebtedness. A little later, the Deaconess School Building and 110 acres of land were purchased from the Montana Wesleyan College. The student body, under the splendid management of Miss Roxana Beck, was then demanding more space than the building afforded.

At the two Montana Conferences in 1920, it was decided that the Montana Deaconess School should have the honor of erecting a building as a Memorial to the late Rev. W. W. Van Orsdel. This work has been carried forward under the most trying financial conditions that the State has ever known. Nevertheless, the superstructure is completed with the exception of the roof, which will be on in a short time.

It has been the policy of the Board of Directors not to allow the institution to go in arrears on current expenses nor to let any con-

tract on the new building until the money was available with which to meet the payments under the contract. In my judgment, it is a wise policy.

There has been raised on the field this year \$20,684.00 in cash. During the last three years \$66,684.00 has been raised on the field and we have now in good subscriptions \$20,896.00 for the Memorial Building. A new barn costing Three Thousand Dollars has been built and paid for during the past year. Thirty per cent of all cash received goes to current expenses, debts and repairs. Seventy per cent goes into the new building. The farm is being improved each year and is of great benefit in making the institution in part self supporting.

Last February a program was given in the Shrine Temple by the Deaconess School children and the Montana Wesleyan Glee Club. Twenty-five hundred people listened to the concert and the value of the advertising received is inestimable.

The Board of Trustees desire to thank our Sunday Schools for splendid spirit shown in sending gifts to the School at the Christmas season.

The Board of Directors and faculty rejoice in the blessings that have come to us through the years. The Lord is leading us on. Our one desire is that Methodism may have an institution that shall be a haven of rest and a Christian home and school for the children of Montana.

Thanking you all for your continued support and asking your prayers for the future, I am

Respectfully yours,

JOHN CHIRGWIN.

Board of Education.

The strategic importance and growing challenge of our educational interests must ever be recognized and courageously met by the men and churches of the Montana Conferences. A trained leadership is vital to all advance. Our sources of supply for such leadership are entitled to loyal interest and whole-hearted support. Of what avail all our advance program and World Service vision without eager enthusiastic equipped young people to "carry on" and to see the job through. That we may again remind ourselves of valued agencies near at hand, that we may declare our faith in them and our determination to stand by them; that we may voice a measure of the gratitude and appreciation we feel, we respectfully submit the following resolutions:

1. We commend most highly the distinct service rendered by the Montana Deaconess School, under the skilled leadership of Miss Roxana Beck and her able faculty. We bespeak praise and cooperation to Field Secretary John Chirgwin in his persistent courageous effort to build without a burden of indebtedness the Brother Van Memorial Building.

2. We would emphasize as one of our important educational agencies, only recently coming to be so recognized, our Deaconess Nurses Training Schools. Here our devoted young womanhood finds opportunity for exalted service and the only source of supply of trained nurses is provided.

3. And what shall we say of our Christian College. Never has Montana Wesleyan meant more to us than she does today. With strong graduating classes contributing steadily to the Christian working force of the state, with some nine clean wholehearted young college men entering, attending, or completing work in our theological schools preparatory to a ministry in Montana, and with eight

of the student body taking the work for the admission year, Wesleyan is paying rich returns for every dollar invested. The report of the special committee on a unification of Methodist and Presbyterian Educational interests disclose that such union is virtually consummated. We hereby pledge our undivided support and allegiance to our Christian College, under whatever auspices or name, which stands unafraid and unashamed for a faith in the living Christ, the fundamental of all true philosophy and social ethics.

4. We would voice our deepest appreciation to the Board of Education for friendly counsel and generous help. Dr. Harris and Dr. Seaton have proved their friendship at every turn. The special gift of \$8500 enabled the college to continue its fine program of advance. The enlarged appropriation for use in student loans aided thirty-three students in completing the year. The sending of Dr. Joseph Harker, Illinois Women's College, to counsel with us on matters pertaining to the merger, gave us wise and sagacious leadership in matters of great pith and moment. We earnestly request for the ensuing year a special gift of \$10,000 and urge for student loans an amount equal to that of last year.

5. We heartily endorse the large plans and daring faith of Dr. Hancher, Counsellor in Finance, for a ten year Development Program. The campaign for the first unit to be put on at as early a date in 1924 as conditions permit. Due to the fact that the existence of the college depends upon its accrediting, and the meeting of prescribed standards of accrediting Associations, we pledge our hearty support to this campaign.

6. We recognize the great advance made at Montana Wesleyan in recent years under Dr. Chas. M. Donaldson as President, and continued under Dean Allan C. Lemon. To Dean Lemon and the faculty at the opening of a most promising year we pledge our cordial interest and support. While we urge economy, we would not retreat a step in seeking for and maintaining the high standards of an established college.

7. We recommend that Wesleyan Day be set for second Sunday of December and that the Conference agree to present the cause of Christian Education on that day and ask for an offering for the college.

8. During the past year we feel we have been highly favored in having at Montana Wesleyan College for the members of our conferences, a Pastors' School under the direction and support of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, and a Summer School of Theology under the fostering care of Dr. Allan MacRossie, Secretary of the Commission on Conference Courses of Study. Both schools were well attended and very profitable to our ministers. We earnestly petition the respective boards to continue this fine constructive effort for a more efficient ministry.

9. While we recognize the claims of all our theological schools, we feel a growing interest in Kimball, our own theological school for the great Northwest. To Dr. Hickman in his fine constructive effort we proffer our good-will and our patronage. We recommend the election of Edward Laird Mills, and George D. Wolfe, as trustees with H. G. Humphrey as visitor.

Recognizing the excellent work done by the Board of Education for negroes, we recommend, therefore, that each pastor preach at least once a year on the outlook for the black man in the United States and in Africa, and the relation of the schools of the Board of Education for Negroes to his evangelization.

We appreciate the responsibility and opportunity presented to the church by the presence of hundreds of students from our Methodist homes in the State University. We request that the pastor at the seat of each unit of the University, together with the Bishop, and

the District Superintendent in each territory, make a study of the situation and report same with recommendations to the next session of the annual Conference, through the Board of Education.

We urge our pastors to enlist the high school students in their respective charges to avail themselves of the credits offered for Bible study and to provide facilities in their Sunday Schools for meeting the state requirements for such credit.

We recommend the appointment of Louis Ortmyer and George D. Wolfe as a committee, with power to add to their number, to study the religious and moral conditions prevailing in our high schools.

GEORGE DAVID WOLFE, Chairman,
LOUIS L. ORTMAYER, Secretary.

Montana Wesleyan College.

Dean Allan C. Lemon.

In a way I am somewhat hesitant about appearing at such a gathering as this. I remember the statement of Ralph Diffenderfer that always when appearing as a layman, before a group of preachers, he had the feeling of a non-union man speaking to a group of union men, he felt outside the union. I feel somewhat like that today. Perhaps, in the future, if you will permit me, I shall try to take out a union card.

Progress in Six Years.

Using commercial phraseology I will say that during the last six years that I have been with the school, everyone connected with the college has done everything in his power to "sell" it to the preachers and people of the state. I mean by that that we have taken "efficiency" as our motto and have sought in every way to build a college of which you could be proud. Bishop Burns, Rev. Humphrey, Dr. Donaldson, Dr. Bovard, the Executive Committee, the Trustees, the Faculty and a number in the student body have diligently done everything in their power for the school. We feel that we have lived up to our motto, and that we have one of the best little colleges to be found anywhere in the country. We take off our hats to none of them when it comes to scholarship, we have consistently surpassed and led schools ten times our size in student activities, we pride ourselves on the high spiritual ideals of our students, and we offer a wholesome social life, molded by loyalty, enthusiasm, and vim, into that very tangible, definite, concrete, vital force, known as the "Wesleyan Spirit." Gentlemen, you should be intensely proud of your college.

I am sure I am in no way detracting from the work of the great pioneers, who through years of sacrifice laid firm and stable foundations on which we are building today, when I say that during the past six years we have made almost unbelievable progress in the college. For two years now we have been conceded by the sport writers of the state to have the best football team in the state, in the past four years we have met seventeen schools in debate and have won thirteen victories. We have won four unanimous decisions from Montana State at Bozeman and one unanimous decision each from Morningside, Colorado Aggies and Gooding. We have won 2 to 1 decisions from Pennsylvania State, Michigan Aggies, Montana State University, St. Charles and Billings Poly. Our Glee Club has toured the entire state singing in the principal towns and has been highly recommended for its work.

Emphasis on Scholarship.

In the realm of scholarship we have also won much recognition. We have been admitted to the Association of American Colleges, we have been accredited by the Montana State Board of Education which now grants the Montana State Certificate to our graduates without examination. A large number of our graduates are now doing postgraduate work for advanced degrees in eastern universities. We will have at least five of them in Theological Seminaries this next year. A large number are holding, or preparing to hold, good responsible positions. One of the recent class has been elected to a high school teaching position for next year at a salary of \$2,000, which shows the recognition we have gained through the department of education.

Stating briefly the changes we have experienced in this short time we would say:

1. The quality of the students has been greatly raised. We have gotten entirely away from the idea that Wesleyan is a preparatory school for refractory individuals.

2. The very best high school graduates of the state, athletes, debaters, musicians and students are looking our way. We will have more than our share of the high school valedictorians in our student body this year.

3. We have had very rapid growth in the college idea. Six years ago the academy was far in the majority, there being only fifteen in the college department. To day the college is dominant in everything with an enrollment of 130.

4. We have had a marked growth in the Liberal Arts work. The young people of today are realizing the necessity of a good foundation in the learning and culture of the ages and are more and more coming to spend four years work in the arts before specializing. The materialistic idea of education has had a strangle hold on Montana in years past. Everywhere the technical and vocational has been emphasized to the detriment of the cultural and spiritual in education. As Horace Blake Williams has said, "We have put success ahead of self-realization. Life is being lost in the effort to live." It is therefore emphasized in Wesleyan at every opportunity, that a broad, cultural foundation, with an Arts degree if possible, is a necessity before the professional work is begun. Is four years too long to spend in college? I will give you the answer in the words of James A. Garfield when he was President of Hiram College. A father inquired if his son could not take a shorter course than the regular baccalaureate course. "Oh, yes," said Mr. Garfield, "He can take a short course. It all depends on what you want to make of him. When God wants to make an oak He takes a hundred years, but He takes only two months to make a squash."

Why a Christian College.

5. The idea of the Christian college is gaining ground. Montana has been afflicted with the idea that there is little place for the Christian college, that the denominational college has served its day, that we are duplicating the work of the State Institutions. God forbid that any such propaganda should gain lodgment or favor. As an answer to this I cannot do better than to quote President Harker in the justification of the Christian college. He says that the purpose of a college is:

1. To discover ability, and
2. To develop and train that ability.

In these two respects the work of the denominational college and the State institutions runs parallel, but from here the denominational college goes on performing two more vital services to humanity. They are:

3. To call attention to the world's needs, and
4. To inspire young men and women to meet the world's needs according to the program of Jesus Christ.

In these last two services the Christian college has rendered the world a great service and will continue to do so, where the state institution cannot.

Then there is that fine statement from Dr. Seaton in the Pacific Christian Advocate for August 8, in which he justifies the Christian denominational schools by showing that the church depends upon its colleges for its leadership, not only in the ministry, but in teaching, law, medicine and statesmanship. The Christian college also trains a great group of followers as well as leaders by giving them the proper ideals of life toward the program of the Master.

Briefly, this is a general statement of what we have tried to accomplish in the last several years at Wesleyan. I shall now present, as the second part of my report, a statement of what has been accomplished during the past year.

Accomplishments in 1922-23.

1. Enrollment. There was an increase in enrollment from 174 in 1921-22 to 214 in 1922-23, a gain of 21 percent. Enrollment in the college department increased from 99 in 1921-22 to 130 in 1922-23, an increase of 31 per cent. We are coming more and more to attract our own Methodist people to our school. If all the Methodist students in Montana were attending Montana Wesleyan we would have the largest institution in the state. That is something for us to think about.

2. Graduates. The class of 1923 numbered 26. Of these, eleven received the Bachelor of Arts degree. The other fifteen received diplomas from the other departments.

3. Curriculum. A "standard" college curriculum has been maintained. This means that eight departments, with the head of each department having an M. A. degree, at least, has functioned. The work offered compares very favorably with that given by the other Methodist colleges and other standard colleges throughout the country. The Montana State Department has granted State Certificates to our graduates, good for six years, in Montana with privilege of renewal without examination.

4. Student body. The student body is one of very high quality and is, without doubt, the finest in Montana. Most of them have high Christian ideals, with many of them definitely planning to enter some form of Christian service. It is because of their great spirit that we have excelled in student activities the past year, especially in football, debating and Glee Club work.

5. Pastor's School. A school for Rural Pastors was held at Wesleyan during the year. For a period of two weeks 47 men and women received inspiration under the fine leadership of Valentine Deich, Dr. McAllister and Dr. J. E. Hawk, of Ohio. The school was a great success.

6. Summer School of Theology. Following the Pastor's School a school for the undergraduates of the two conferences was held. This lasted for one week and was under the direction of Prof. Paul M. Adams of Montana Wesleyan and Dr. E. C. Hickman of the Kimball School of Theology. Seventeen were in attendance.

7. Merger. With a fine spirit manifested by both Presbyterians and Methodists, the idea of merging the educational interests of the two bodies, was discussed in joint committee and later voted by the Presbyterians. The details are to be worked out by committees and final plans approved later.

8. Finances. President Donaldson did valiant service throughout the year up to the time of his resignation in April. Since then

Alexander Muirden, as Field Secretary, has been spending his entire time in the field. He has secured in new pledges, \$1728.10. Of this \$1237.60 has been paid in cash. He has also collected on old pledges \$342.50, making a total cash collection of \$1680.10 with pledges unpaid of \$190.50. In addition to his collections Brother Muirden has been an asset to the college in the field in creating general good will and a favorable attitude toward the college.

9. Wesleyan Day. This was voted by this conference last year. The goal toward which to drive was \$1.00 for every member in the churches. There was a very poor response. The college greatly needed this money and has met with decided embarrassment because it did not come in. The total collected in this conference was Montana, \$88.21.

10. The Faculty. They are a fine group of Christian ladies and gentlemen, loyal, sincere and true. They have rendered a great sacrificial service to the Methodists of Montana. They have worked long hours, meeting with many discouragements, but steadfastly holding the Christian example before the students and striving faithfully in every way to maintain standards, improve scholarship, strengthen the institution, and to let their light shine in the hearts of the students, that faithful, Christian leaders may be trained for the Master's service. Most of the Faculty attend St. Paul's church and render valiant service there.

The Third part of my report will deal briefly with the future.

1. Prospects for the new year. There is every indication that the enrollment will be the greatest in the history of the college. The goal for the Freshman class is 75, with indications that it will be reached. There is great interest in student activities. We will have a football camp on Hauser Lake to get the men in the best possible condition for a big schedule. A debate trip is planned to the East where a number of Eastern teams will be met in return engagements.

2. The New Faculty. Five new faculty members have been selected for the departments, as follows: Chemistry, Paul L. Day, M. A., Columbia; English, Amanda Luelf, M. A., Missouri, with Ph. D. completed except thesis, at Chicago; Academy English, Mrs. Mildred E. Day, B. A., Williamette, and post-graduate work at Columbia; Expression, Frances M. Bailey, Minneapolis; and Modern Languages, Elise Sicher, M. A., University of Bordeaux, France. All have fine qualifications and spirit. They will be real additions to an already splendid force.

3. New President. Plans are under way for the selection of a new president as soon as the details of the merger are consummated.

4. A ten-year Program. A large program to which we all might work is needed for our College. With this in mind I have worked out a future ten year expansion program. This has been passed out to you on a separate sheet.

5. Finances. A brief statement of our present financial condition has been passed out to you. This, of course, is our own appraisal. A new appraisal is to be made by the merger committees and an audit made so that the exact financial condition of the school will be determined. Suffice it to say that the one big handicap under which we constantly labor is the lack of money. All other phases of Wesleyan life is prospering and waiting to make a rapid march ahead if the money can only be secured.

a. Endowment Campaign. The details of the financial plans for the college will be announced after the merger is completed. The college must have immediate endowment to maintain accrediting. For the current year there will be no increase in the budget. There is general agreement among college administrators that a standard college must have a budget of \$50,000 per year as a minimum. Wesleyan

has a budget of \$40,000 with no increase until endowment is raised. It is very difficult to maintain standards under these conditions.

b. Wesleyan Day. This day should be faithfully and earnestly observed. A great many people, no matter how much they have given to other things, are willing to pay a dollar or more to the college on this day. We should make our goal a dollar per member. If pushed a little this would be a real life saver for the college.

Pastors should also do more in securing bequests, annuities and wills for the college. A great many of the Methodists of Montana in days gone by have sweat blood for the college. How many are doing it now? The college can only be built by the hardest kind of work and sacrifice on the part of all. I pledge the Faculty and Student Body to continue to do their part. Will the pastors and Methodists of Montana do theirs? It is your college; it is "our" college; let everyone say, "It is my college." With each person feeling an individual, personal responsibility, we can carry forward under the blessing of God and under the leadership of the Lord Jesus Christ to a glorious victory.

Very respectfully,

ALLAN C. LEMON, Dean.

Epworth League.

The success of the Epworth League Institutes of the year demonstrates the wisdom of the holding of three Institutes. The training of the young people in the work of the League and Church, emphasizing the importance of life service, the calling out to the higher ideals of living, and the capitalizing of comradeship of youth for Christ makes the work of the Institutes of supreme importance to the future of the Church.

We note with gladness the increased activities in Junior League circles, and call the attention of the pastors to this unlimited opportunity and urge them to organize the children of the Church into Junior Leagues under the best available leadership.

COMMITTEE.

Foreign Missions.

We believe in the conquest of this planet for Christ. We believe in His Gospel, made vital by His own living presence and Spirit in the hearts and lives of his followers and administered by them in service, to be sufficient in establishing the Kingdom of God in this world.

We therefore believe in the World Service Program of our Church and pledge ourselves in earnest devotion to this cause, cooperating faithfully as the Church may direct for the consummation of this task.

COMMITTEE.

Home Missions and Church Extension.

We your Conference Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension wish to record our sincere appreciation for the much needed help coming to our field through the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension.

We recognize the real interest taken in our field and the valuable service rendered to us by Dr. Vermilya the Frontier Secretary of our Board.

We are very happy to have the Home Board represented at our Conference Session by one of our own members Dr. Edward Laird Mills.

We urge all our pastors and people to more energetic service in behalf of the general work of our church as represented by this Board.

FREDERICK T. SPENCER,
CHARLES F. WOLFE,
C. L. CLIFFORD.

Hospitals.

We heartily appreciate the ever enlarging service of the hospitals operating within the bounds of our Conference. We, however in keeping with our report of last year, exhort caution in the starting of new enterprises until our hospitals already established are more adequately financed.

We desire again to call attention to the value of the observance of Harvest Home thruout the state. These festivals not only furnish an excellent opportunity for keeping the work of our hospitals before the people, but they are also proving of great material value to these institutions.

We recognize in the "White Cross" an agency of great value to our hospital work. This work needs, in view of the probable merging of the two conferences, a reorganization as soon as possible, and also a special Sunday should be named and observed to be known as White Cross Sunday.

We recommend that a committee consisting of Dr. Charles D. Crouch, the District Superintendent of the Yellowstone District and the pastor at Forsyth be continued to care for the Conference interests of the Forsyth Deaconess Hospital.

In view of the financial needs of both the Butte and Sidney Hospitals we recommend that this Conference hold itself in readiness to sanction movements toward securing more adequate support of these two institutions as soon as the local Boards deem it wise to inaugurate financial campaigns. The Superintendent of the Butte Deaconess Hospital. Mrs. Ida Hills Nepper having tendered her resignation we desire to record our appreciation of her splendid and unselfish service.

We note with keen satisfaction the progress made in our Billings Hospital under the able management of Dr. Charles D. Crouch and express our desire to give this enterprise every encouragement and all aid that lies within the power of this Conference to render.

We furthermore recognize with appreciation the interest taken in our hospital work by our Board of Hospitals and Homes and the helpful counsels of Dr. N. E. Davis the Secretary of the Board who has repeatedly visited our hospitals in this state, and Dr. D. W. Howell for his fine interest in our hospital enterprises.

THE COMMITTEE,
R. P. SMITH, Chairman.

Billings Deaconess Hospital.

Bishop and Brethren:—

I hardly know how best to make a report of the Billings Deaconess Hospital which will cover the ground in such a manner as to give a concise statement of the present situation.

However, I will begin by saying, from a hole in the ground filled with water and dead sheep, the water submerging two fine Kewanee High Pressure Boilers costing \$5000.00, to a fine piece of steel and cement re-enforcement-structure, 4 stories high with a roof on top is the story of the Billings Deaconess Hospital to date. On the 15th of this month the corner-stone was laid under Masonic auspices, the Grand Master Claude J. McAllister being the son of a Methodist preacher formerly of this conference. The Grand Chaplain was Dr. Geo. D. Wolfe and the address of the occasion was made by our own Bishop, Chas Wesley Burns. More than 800 Masons took part in a

procession which numbered more than a thousand men and women. We feel that something out of the ordinary has been accomplished in the past 17 months. Out of ruins and chaos, the institution carrying a bad reputation, we have witnessed, as we have gone quietly about the work, the citizens of the Midland Empire, who were really disgusted with the whole situation coming back as friends, cautiously perhaps, not very enthusiastic maybe, but nevertheless gradually renewing their interest in the institution. We feel that this perhaps has been the greatest part of the work so far. Work costing at least \$2000.00 has been done which cannot be seen by one not acquainted with the work of construction, work that had to be done over. All work and materials used up to the present time is paid for. There is \$14,500 worth of terra cotta trimmings on the ground half of which is paid for. The present cost of the work including the site is \$100,000.00 and it will cost \$125,000 to have the buildings ready for occupancy. This is a lot of money to raise under the present financial conditions, for during the past 10 months, 14 banks have closed their doors within a radius of 50 miles of Billings. Just how long it will take to complete the task, I do not know, but God willing we will stay with the job until it is completed. Many thanks and much praise is due the General Deaconess Board and Bishop Burns in providing the salary of the Superintendent, thus enabling him to assure all subscribers that every cent of their subscriptions would go into the building fund. It has also put heart into the superintendent.

Brethren I must admit for a while, I felt out of place in the work. It was the first time I ever attempted to get an institution out of a hole, when not serving a regular pastorate. Here I was without a parsonage, no congregation, no Sunday School, no Epworth League, etc. I really felt that I was in detached service. But there has come a great change. As a pastor I am monarch of all I survey, It would be a strange thing if I did not preach once—twice—or three times even on a Sunday. I have a class of between 30 and 40 fine men, each Sunday morning, a part of the Methodist Sunday School, we meet in the Masonic Temple, and we have good times, a strenuous hour for the teacher I assure you. I have preached in every charge between Livingston and Forsyth, Cody Wyo. and Roundup. In Billings I have preached 5 Sundays for the Congregationalists, 10 Sundays for the Christians, 5 Sundays for the Presbyterians, once for the Episcopalians, twice for the Baptist and frequently lead prayer meetings. So I now feel I am far from being in detached service and assure you I am beginning to like the work. Brethren pray for me and the situation at Billings. Protestantism is on the up-grade in that city. The Catholic people have just completed a big fine hospital which they claim has cost \$700,000.00. The Catholic subscribers to our institution have repudiated their subscriptions now their building is finished and we must not fail to give to that great Empire the healing service of our great Methodist Church.

CHARLES D. CROUCH.

Rosebud Deaconess Hospital.

We your committee, appointed at the last annual conference to re-lease the Forsyth Deaconess Hospital "for such a term of years as is deemed wise", beg leave to report, that a contract was entered into between the board of County Commissioners of Rosebud County and the Board of Trustees of the Hospital on the 7th day of February, 1923, for a term of five years, beginning April 21, 1923, for and in consideration of (\$1.00) one dollar per year, the hospital board to pay the premiums on insurance of \$34,000.00 premium payments to begin in 1925 and to continue to the expiration of the lease.

CHARLES D. CROUCH,
ROBT. C. EDGINGTON,
FRED WHITFORD.

CONFERENCE STEWARDS.**Income.**

Balance on hand from last year\$ 38.00

For Annuity Distribution:

Book Concern Dividend 747.00
 Chartered Fund Dividend 35.00
 Part of Support Paid by the Churches Par. 342, Sec. 4..... 2993.00
 Income from Conference Investments 168.00

For Necessitous Distribution

Board of Conference Claimants Dividend 700.00
 Part of Support paid by Churches Par. 343, Sec. 2..... 350.00

Total\$5031.00

Distribution.**On Annuity Basis:**

9 Preachers 262 years at \$10.00 per year 2620.00
 10 Widows 135 years at \$10.00 per year 1350.00
 1 Child 3 years at \$10.00 per year 30.00

On Basis of Necessity:

Preachers 270.00
 Widows 670.00
 Child 70.00
 Expenses of Board of Stewards 20.00
 Balance on hand 1.00

Total\$5031.00

APPORTIONMENT FOR NEXT CONFERENCE YEAR.**Annuity.**

Amount necessary to pay full Legal Claims\$8120.00
 Estimate of amount required for Necessitous Cases as approved by the Annual Conference 350.00
 Total amount required to meet all claims in full 8470.00

Deduct: Total income from Dividends, Investments, and Preachers Aid Society, figured on basis of this year's receipts from these sources as given above..... 1650.00

Remainder: Amount to be apportioned by Board of Stewards and raised by Pastoral Charges\$6820.00

Distribution to Preachers.

Name	Years	Annuity Paid	Special Aid	Total Paid
A. P. Morrison, 1107 W. 47th St. Los Angeles	43	\$430	\$270	\$700
John Hosking, Shelby, Mont.	24	240	.....	240
A. Kershaw, College Place, Walla Walla.....	30	300	.....	300
S. A. Oliver, Boise, Idaho	32	320	.....	320
J. A. Badcon, 3216 W. 67, Seattle, Wash.	25	250	.....	250
Geo. D. King, Whitehall, Mont.	23	230	.....	230
Jacob Mills, Helena, Mont.	31	310	.....	310
W. H. Calvert, Wibaux, Mont.	32	320	.....	320
Wilder Nutting, Waluga, Oregon	22	220	.....	220

Distribution to Widows.

Name	Years Allowed Three-Fourths	Annuity Paid	Special Aid	Total Paid
Mrs. C. Lowry, 8832 Georgia Ave., Detroit, Mich.	11	\$110	\$30	\$140
Mrs. Clara Ware, So. Main, Butte, Mont.	26	260	70	330
Mrs. Ida Hall, C/O J. M. Wadsworth, Sand Springs, Oklahoma	7	70	30	100
Mrs. Allan Rogers, Great Falls, Mont.	10	100	150	250
Mrs. L. H. Mickel, 222 E. Palm, Monrovia, Cal.	12	120	.....	120
Mrs. C. P. Adams, Forsyth, Mont.	15	150	.....	150
Mrs. Isia B. Miller	16	Relinquished		
Mrs. Marie B. Tait, Helena Mont.	21	210	70	280
Mrs. Elizabeth Whiteley, C/O Mrs. May Donald, Wyoming, Ontario, Canada	6	60	140	200
Mrs. Margaret A. Snider, R. F. D. Box 136, McKeesport, Penn.	16	160	140	300
Mrs. H. A. James, Livingston, Mont.	11	110	40	150

Distribution to Children.

Name of Mother	Name of Child	Age of Child Last Birthday	Father's Effective Years	Years Allowed One Fourth	Annuity Paid	Special Aid	Total Paid
Elizabeth Whiteley, Robert Whiteley..		8	11	3	\$30	\$70	\$100

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS FUND.

The Board of Stewards and Committee on Conference Claimants funds jointly make the following recommendations:

We repeat the recommendation made by the Board of Stewards and passed by the Conference of 1918, in regard to a Conference claimant fund:

1. That we set the goal at this time of \$100,000.00.
2. That we elect a Committee of five consisting of three ministers and two laymen representing both districts, and that we authorize this Committee to solicit legacies and donations for such a fund.
3. We recognize that in view of the Centenary and other pending interests, that this is not the time for a vigorous campaign, but we request said committee to seek a date when such a campaign may be launched.
4. Therefore we recommend that the District Superintendent of each district, the treasurer of the Conference Trustees (in order to connect the matter with the Board of Trustees) and a layman from each district to be nominated and elected by the Conference, be the Committee.

To these recommendations, passed by a previous Conference, we further recommend that the Rev. Edward Smith be appointed as the agent of this Committee, without salary, to promote this interest by the circulation of literature, visits to prospective donors, etc., and thus lay the foundation for a definite campaign in the future, and to secure such gifts as he may be able.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS PERMANENT FUND.**Memorial Unit.**

Mrs. A. D. Raleigh	\$500
Mrs. Stella Chuman	500
Etta McCommon	10

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Your Committee on Resolutions would report as follows: that we express our thanks and gratitude to,

FIRST—The trustees of Montana Wesleyan College for placing at our services the buildings of the school for the sessions of our Conference.

SECOND—The Ladies Aid Society of St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church for their kindly ministrations of our needs, and especially to Mrs. Marie B. Tait, Dean of Women, and to Mrs. H. K. Holtzinger, President of the Ladies' Aid, for their careful supervision of the dormitory and meals given us during our stay in Helena.

THIRD—The pastor of St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church, Dr. H. G. Humphrey, and the district Superintendent, Dr. H. K. Holtzinger, who served us as hosts making our stay delightful and pleasant.

FOURTH—The newspapers of Helena for their interest in the affairs of our church publishing largely our actions and interests to the world.

FIFTH—The World Service Team sent us by the Committee on Conservation and Advance, Doctors Edward Laird Mills, John L. Seaton, Titus Lowe, R. J. Wade, Corliss P. Hargraves, O. L. Heist, Clarence True Wilson, Phoebe Ferris, Charles R. Oaten, and Charles L. Bovard, Area Secretary. We recognize in their services to our conference the highest and best representation of the benevolent enterprises of our church that we have ever had.

SIXTH—Governor Joseph M. Dixon for his admirable address of welcome given us on the night of the opening reception at St. Paul's Church.

SEVENTH—We are glad to have had with us at our Conference, Mrs. Burns, and the sons and daughters of our beloved Bishop; we much appreciate their presence.

EIGHTH—We desire to express our thanks to Almighty God for the wise and efficient leadership of Bishop Charles Wesley Burns during the present quadrennium. We are grateful in the providence of God in having him sent to us at this time. We not only feel grateful for his most efficient administration of the interests of our church throughout this Area but also for his representation of our needs throughout the borders of Methodism. We are also grateful for his brotherly sympathy, bringing to us the qualities in Christ's life and ministry that lead to higher ideals of the gospel and of practical Christianity. We hereby register our request to the Episcopal Committee of the next General Conference that he be returned to this Area for the next quadrennium.

(Signed) GEORGE D. WOLFE, Chairman,
R. P. SMITH,
A. D. WELCH,
H. W. WOODS.

TEMPERANCE, PROHIBITION AND PUBLIC MORALS.

We note with pleasure the growing sentiment in favor of law observance, and the increased activity of State and Federal Government in the enforcement of the Volstead Act, and pledge ourselves to support every officer in his efforts to bring criminals to justice.

We as Methodists are proud of the splendid record of our Board of Prohibition, Temperance and Public Morals, and our fearless leader Dr. Clarence True Wilson.

We urge our preachers to preach several sermons during the year on questions arising from our State and National Prohibition laws, and that Temperance Day be observed in the Sunday School that the coming generation may be instructed in the things so vital to our national life.

We will not cease our efforts for a dry nation and a dry world until the last liquor shop is driven from the earth. "So Help us God."

FREDERICK T. SPENCER,
GEO. D. WOLFE.

SOCIAL SERVICE.**The Right of Collective Bargaining must be upheld**

Since the problem of the twelve hour day is well on the way toward solution as a result of public opinion largely aroused and sustained by the churches of America, we feel that Christian organizations everywhere should now give themselves as energetically to the undisputed establishment of the principle of collective bargaining as the next step toward the building of a Christian industrial order. Our Social Creed insists on the right of employers and employees alike to organize. Our Bishops, the Federal Council of Churches, the National Catholic Welfare Council and numerous other Christian bodies have noted that the inevitable corollary of this thesis is the right of organized men to deal collectively thru representatives of their own choosing. Our government recognized this principle thru the insistence of the War Labor Board that "the right of workers to organize in trade unions and to bargain collectively thru chosen representatives is recognized and affirmed. This right shall not be denied, abridged or interfered with by themselves in any manner whatsoever." With abiding faith in the justice of this position we join the North Montana Conference in calling upon those railroads which continue to violate this Christian principle to make unnecessary such an avalanche of public opinion as overwhelmed the U. S. Steel Corporation.

Churches must Create "A Will to Peace"

It is with some sense of shame that we note that America is the only important power which has actually increased its armed forces over those of 1913. We believe that the late war demonstrated above all things else that preparedness is no insurance of peace. We believe that the spirit and teachings of Jesus can be and ought speedily to be applied in international relations. We concur in the action of the North Montana Conference looking toward the creation of a new attitude toward war on the part of the rising generation. We join said Conference in seconding the demand of international educators recently assembled in San Francisco that the text books of our public schools be so revised as to eliminate everything which glorifies war or stimulates international or racial hatreds, and, in view of the results of military training in the public schools of Germany we call upon Americans to resist similar developments through military training in our high schools and colleges. The pagan "Will to Power" must be conquered by the Christian "Will to Peace."

Release Political Prisoners Immediately.

When Senator Pepper, the personal investigator for the late President Harding, openly declares "The presence of these men (political prisoners) in jail is a challenge to an American lawyer's loyalty to his profession"; surely men who seek to know the mind of Christ and to establish his kingdom of righteousness and good will can do no less than join this eminent lawyer in his demand for the "immediate and unconditional release" of these men who for conscience sake have suffered punishment far more drastic than that imposed on even worse offenders in other civilized countries. We, therefore, appeal to President Coolidge to immediately heed the oft-repeated demand of church bodies everywhere that these men be released.

Introduced by the Social Service Committee,

JESSE LACKLEN,
GEORGE D. WOLFE,
THOMAS HARDIE.

(C) TREASURER.**Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Montana.****In Account with Jacob Milles, Treasurer.**

Aug. 20, 1923	Bal C. C. Fund on hand last report	\$3108.86
	Pd. Board of Stewards	149.95
		<hr/> 2958.91
	Transferred from other Funds	41.09
		<hr/> 3000.00
	Interest earned	168.96
		<hr/> 3168.96
	Total C. C. Fund	3168.96
	Purchased for C. C. Fund, 3 Dominion of	
	Canada Bonds—5½—'29	\$3000.00

Other Funds.

E. Gallatin & int.....	\$ 88.08	
Ovando & int.....	698.30	
Salesville & int.....	530.68	
	<hr/> 1317.06	
Purch. 1 Dom Can. Bond	1000.00	
	<hr/> 317.06	
Expense of purchase		
of 4 Dom. of Can.		
Bonds & int.	112.65	
	<hr/> 204.41	
Trans. to C. C. Fund	41.09	
	<hr/> 163.32	
Sold 1 Dom. of Can.		163.32
Bond	1000.00	
Premium	15.00	1015.00
Paid Rev. Samuel		
Fletcher for Ovan-		
do charge for the		
purchase of a par-		
sonage and hall....		600.00

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Bal.	578.32	
	1178.32	1178.32
On hand		578.32
Aug. 20, 1923 Bozeman church note		2840.30
Int. rec'd dur'g year		170.40
Paid to R. C. Edgington D. S.	170.40	
Bal.	2840.30	
	3010.70	3010.70
Aug. 20, 1923 Note on hand		2840.30

Respectfully Submitted,
JACOB MILLS, Treasurer.

(D) LAY ELECTORAL CONFERENCE.

The Lay Electoral Conference met in opening session in Helena Hall of Montana Wesleyan College, Friday morning, August 31st, at ten o'clock. Mr. Charles E. Avery of Anaconda, as president called the meeting to order. It was ordered by motion that Mr. Avery as president, and A. C. Lemon of Helena as secretary of the Laymen's Conference, continue to act in that capacity.

It was ordered by motion that the chair appoint four committees of three members each; Permanent Organization, Rules of Order, Resolutions, and Credentials. After the appointment of the committees the Conference recessed until eleven o'clock to give the committees time to report.

Meeting re-convened at eleven o'clock. The report of Credential Committee was called for. Thirty delegates were certified to have the proper credentials and were accepted with full privileges to participate in the deliberations.

Report of the Committee on Permanent Organization recommended that the temporary officers be made permanent. The report was accepted.

The report of the Committee on Rules of Order was adopted. The meeting then proceeded to carry out the order of business as stated in the report.

Next order of business was the election of Lay Delegate and alternate. Mrs. Fry of Park City and Mrs. Seideman of Marysville were appointed tellers by the chair. Following was the result of the election: delegate, Mr. Elmer E. Collins of Billings; alternate delegate, Miss Roxana Beck of Helena.

Dr. R. J. Wade, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Benevolences and of the Committee on Conservation and Advance, was introduced and spoke on the new World Service program.

Rev. Edward Smith of Dillon was introduced and spoke on the Conference Claimants Fund.

The Conference then recessed until 1:30.

Afternoon Meeting.

Meeting was re-convened at 1:30. Two additional delegates presented their credentials and were accepted. The report of Committee on Resolutions was called for and it was given.

It was ordered by motion that the amusement clause be stricken out of the resolutions and that no action be taken thereon. It was ordered by motion that the resolutions as amended be adopted. It was ordered by motion that the Conference go on record as favoring the Italian plan for lay representation in the General Conference. This motion was adopted unanimously. It was ordered by motion

that President Avery carry greetings to the joint session of the Ministerial and Lay Conferences.

Adjournment was then taken as a Lay Electoral Conference, and the delegates immediately assembled as a Lay Association. It was ordered by motion that the same officers, Mr. Avery as president, Mr. Lemon as secretary, serve for the ensuing year. It was ordered by motion that the resolutions of the Lay Electoral Conference be adopted as the rules of the Association. The meeting then adjourned.

Signed ALLAN C. LEMON, Secretary.

(E) MISCELLANEOUS.

School of Theology.

We, the faculty of the School of Theology, held at Montana Wesleyan College, Helena, Montana, make the following recommendations to the Boards of Examiners of Montana and North Montana Conferences and, through them, to their respective Conferences for endorsement.

1. The School of Theology shall cover a period of ten days, and shall precede the School for Pastors, provided said school be held in the Spring.

2. All required written work on books to be studied shall be completed before the opening of the School of Theology.

3. The School of Theology shall consist of lectures given and discussions directed by the Examiners on their respective books, during a period of nine days, and examinations written by the undergraduates on the tenth day.

4. The management of the School of Theology shall be in the hands of an Executive Committee composed of the Dean of the School and the Chairman of the Boards of Examiners. The Dean shall be elected by the Boards of Examiners of the Montana and North Montana Conferences.

5. That, owing to the familiarity with the details of the School, we recommend that Paul M. Adams be elected Dean for 1924.

6. Special lectures shall be provided by the Executive Committee.

7. One Examiner for each year from each of the two participating Conferences, together with the Dean, shall constitute the faculty of the School of Theology, and it is understood that Examiners for the respective years shall alternate from year to year.

C. E. SMITH,

EDWARD C. BARTLETT.

College Merger.

WHEREAS this Conference has heretofore approved of a merger between the Montana Wesleyan College, a corporation situated at Helena, Lewis & Clark County, Montana, now operating and conducting an institution of learning under the auspices of the Methodist Episcopal Church within the State of Montana, and the College of Montana, a corporation heretofore operating and conducting an institution of learning at Deer Lodge, Powell County, Montana, under the auspices of the Presbyterian Church within the State of Montana, such merged institution to be owned, controlled, operated and maintained under the joint auspices of the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches within the State of Montana, under such plan of merger as might thereafter be agreed upon by the contracting parties through their duly authorized committees and governing bodies; and

WHEREAS the Presbyterian constituency within the State of Montana has by formal action of its Synod approved of such merger subject to the formulation and working out of the details for the consummation thereof; and

WHEREAS the formulation and working out of details for effecting said merger is now in the hands of a duly appointed and author-

ized Committee on merger heretofore named by this Conference, the North Montana Annual Conference, and the Board of Trustees of Montana Wesleyan College, in conjunction with a similar committee of said Synod; and

WHEREAS there will be involved in the formulation and determination of the necessary details for effecting said merger the question of amending the present charter of Montana Wesleyan College in sundry particulars and the transfer to the same by the College of Montana of its assets, or the organization of an entirely new corporation for taking over the plant and other assets, including endowment, of the Montana Wesleyan College and the assets of the college of Montana.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Montana Annual Conference in regular session assembled, in order to comply with the statute in such cases provided pertaining to amendments of the charter of the Montana Wesleyan College, and to facilitate and duly consummate said merger, that this Conference does hereby consent that the Montana Wesleyan College may, and it is hereby authorized, to proceed to amend its declaration or certificate of incorporation in any and all particulars that may be determined and agreed upon by the contracting parties through their said joint committee on merger, as necessary or desirable in the premises, and not inconsistent with the constitution and laws of the United States and of the State of Montana, including change of name, number of trustees, body or bodies electing the same, and purposes and objects of the corporation; or if it shall be determined by said joint committee on merger that an entirely new corporation shall be organized under the auspices of the combined constituencies of the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches within the State of Montana, then and in such an event said Montana Wesleyan College may transfer and convey to such new corporation all of its property and assets, including endowment, subject to such limitation and restrictions as to title and use as may exist.

And consent is hereby further given to said Montana Wesleyan College, by and through its Board of Trustees, to do generally any and all things necessary and proper in the premises to fully carry out the plans and details of the merger as finally formulated and agreed upon by the contracting parties as aforesaid.

Commission on Conference Merger.

We your commission make the following report:

1. The name of the conference shall be: Montana State Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. (To include all the territory within the bounds of the State of Montana).
2. The Board of Trustees, shall number eleven persons—five of whom shall be chosen and elected from the membership of the Montana Conference and five from the North Montana Conference and the eleventh elected by these ten.
3. That Vernon Lewis and Elmer E. Collins act as legal counsel and shall prepare Articles of Incorporation and By-laws and submit same to this commission by December 13, 1923, for their further consideration.
4. That the Bishops be requested to set the date of the Conference of the two bodies for August 19, 1924, the place of meeting to be determined later by this commission.

CHARLES G. COLE, Chairman,
CHARLES D. CROUCH, Secretary,
HORACE TURNER and
C. E. SMITH.

Of the North Montana Conference.
HORACE K. HOLTZINGER and
H. G. HUMPHREY of Montana Conference.

XI Plan of Conference Examinations

John A. Meeke, Chairman, Hardin; Thomas Hardie, Registrar, Miles City.

For Admission on Trial—

Examiners, A. D. Welch, Fred Whitford.

Doctrines and Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church—F. Whitford.

American History—James and Sanford, A. D. Welch.

Life of Wesley—Winchester, A. D. Welch.

(a) Plain Account of Christian Perfection—Wesley, F. Whitford.

(b) Selections from the Writings of John Wesley—Welch, F. Whitford.

A Bible Biography. Not less than one thousand words upon one of the following subjects, using only the materials found in the Bible. The Life of Moses, The Life of David, The Life of Jesus, The Life of Paul—A. D. Welch.

A written Sermon—F. Whitford.

First Year—

New Testament History—Rall, George Reid.

Evangelism—Thomas Miller.

The Making of a Sermon—Pattison, G. Reid.

The Art of Writing English—T. Miller.

Human Behavior—Colvin and Bagely, T. Miller.

Collateral Reading and Study—

The Pastor Preacher—Quayle.

Citizenship and Moral Reform—Langdale. } G. Reid.

The Main Points—Brown.

Wesley's Sermons—Vol. I. } T. Miller

Francis Asbury—Tipple. }

Second Year—

(a) Dictionary of the Bible (1 Vol. Edition)—Hastings, Edward Smith.

(b) The Bible in the Making—Smyth, Edward Smith.

History of the Christian Church—Walker. (Omit pages 1-4), Edward Smith.

(a) The Pupil and the Teacher—Weigle, E. D. Swisher.

(b) The Graded Sunday School in Principle and Practice—Meyers, E. D. Swisher.

The Christian Pastor—Gladden, E. D. Swisher.

Collateral Reading and Study—

The Christian View of the Old Testament—Eiselen. }

How to Teach Religion—Betts. }

The Church in the City—Leete. }

History of Methodism. (Vol. I.)—Stevens. }

Life of Luther—McGiffert. }

Wesley's Sermons—Vol. II. }

Edward
Smith

E. D. Swisher

Third Year—

Beacon Lights of Prophecy—Knudsen, Thomas Hardie.

Foundations of Christian Belief—Strickland, E. C. Bartlett.

Introduction to the Study of Sociology—Hayes, T. Hardie.

The Religions of Mankind—Soper, E. C. Bartlett.

Neely's Parliamentary Practice—T. Hardie.

Collateral Reading and Study—

Studies in Christianity—Bowen.

The Church and Industrial Reconstruction— { T. Hardie

History of Methodism, Vol. II—Stevens.

Life of Phillips Brooks (briefer edition)—Allen.

Modern Premillennialism and the Christian Hope—Rall. { E. C.
Methodist Review. } Bartlett**Fourth Year—**

Paul and His Epistles—Hayes. Paul M. Adams.

System of Christian Doctrine—Sheldon (omit part I and Appen-
dix). P. M. Adams.

The Five Great Philosophies of Life—Hyde. J. G. Ross.

The Book of Isaiah (Vol I-II)—Smith. J. G. Ross.

Collateral Reading and Study—

Missionary Morale—Miller.

The Methodist Review—

Outline of Christian Theology—Clarke.

History of Methodism (Vol. III)—Stevens. { J. G. Ross

Good Ministers of Jesus Christ—McDowell. }

The requirements and suggestions of the Directions and Helps must be strictly adhered to in all of the courses of study by examiners and candidates, especially with reference to written work.

Local Preacher's Course—

John A. Meeke.

Local Deacon's Orders—

E. C. Bartlett, Thomas Hardie.

Local Elder's Orders—

J. A. Meeke.

NOTES FOR EXAMINERS AND APPLICANTS.

1. Each examiner is required to send to the Chairman a list of questions not later than October 1.

2. Each candidate will notify the Chairman when ready to pass on any book.

3. The persons conducting an examination will send the candidate's answers to their respective examiners, and the questions back to the Chairman.

4. Each examiner will send three (typewritten, if possible) copies of questions to Chairman, retaining one copy for himself, and after examining the papers submitted by candidate will forward grades to the Registrar.

5. It shall be the duty of the undergraduates desiring to present credit for any subject pursued in school, or Conference, to confer with the examiner before Conference, stating the subject for which he desires credit and to present satisfactory evidence of his standing in the same before the Board of Examiners at its annual meeting at the seat of Conference.

6. Local preachers will apply directly to John A. Meeke, Hardin, for information and questions on that course.

7. After the opening session of Conference no candidate will hereafter be admitted to examination.

8. Examiners will keep account of postage expense and submit same to board at annual meeting.

9. Read carefully what the Discipline says, relating to Conference examination. (Appendix, Chapter 8).

10. Write all sermons, essays, and answers to questions neatly with ink on one side of the paper.

11. Examinations must be taken before a member of the Examining Board or some member of the Conference appointed by the Chairman. Candidates appointed to remote charges are requested, as far as possible, to arrange to take their examination during the visits of the Superintendent.

12. The Secretary of the Conference is instructed to pay bills incurred by the Chairman and Registrar for the typewriting and postage necessary in the preparation and transmission of examination questions.

XII

Memoirs

REV. STEPHEN ALPHEUS COBURN.

Stephen Alpheus Coburn was born in Buffalo, New York on September 14th, 1893. He attended the public schools in Buffalo, and also was a graduate of the Wilson Memorial Academy of Nyack, New York. He was married on September 19th, 1914 to Elizabeth Martha Haldeman at Altoona, Pennsylvania. To this union was born one child, Stephen Edwin, whose death we also mourn at this time. Mr. and Mrs. Coburn, with their little babe, came to Montana in October, 1917. In the fall of 1919, Brother Coburn heard the call for larger service, and entered the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the North Montana Conference. He was appointed to the charge of Stockett and Sand Coulee, where he labored faithfully and with great success for one year. In order to better equip himself for his great task, he realized the need of further education, and went to Simpson College, Iowa in the fall of 1920. He was appointed to the student charge of Arispe, which charge he served faithfully for two years. He returned to Montana in June of last year to take further work at Montana Wesleyan College, and was appointed as pastor at the Oakes Street Church, Helena, where his undaunted optimism, wisdom, personality and acknowledged leadership brought a new church building to the threshold of dedication. He would have been a college Senior next fall if he had lived. He was suddenly called to higher service Sunday, August 12th, 1923. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Martha Coburn (the full share of her husbands burdens and victories) and sister Mrs. Alexander Muirden and by his brother Percy Robinson of Peabody, Massachusetts.

STEPHEN EDWIN COBURN.

Stephen Edwin Coburn was born at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, January 16th, 1916, and came with his parents to Montana. He was called home to the Heavenly Sheep-fold with his father and grandmother Sunday afternoon, August 12th, 1923.

They are not dead, they have but passed
Beyond the mists that blind us here,
Into the new and larger life
Of that serener sphere.

MARY ANN COBURN.

Mary Ann Stevenson was born on the 18th of March, 1856 in Bradford, England. She was joined in wedlock to John William Robinson on the 18th of March, 1879. To this union was born four children, two of whom are still living—Percy Robinson of Peabody, Massachusetts and Mrs. Alexander Muirden of Great Falls, Montana. Her husband, who was a class leader in the Wesleyan Church in Leeds, England, passed away on July 5th, 1889. One year later, she came to this country with her children, and made her home in Buffalo, New York. In 1892, she was united in marriage to Stephen J. Coburn. To this union was born one son, Stephen Alpheus, whose death we mourn today. Mrs. Coburn and her husband came to Montana in the fall of 1913, and made her home in Great Falls. Last November, her husband responded to the Heavenly Call, and in the spring of this year Mrs. Coburn came to Helena, and has made her home with her son

until suddenly called to the Eternal Home Sunday afternoon, August 12th, 1923. Mrs. Coburn was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Great Falls, (transferring there from Asbury Church, Buffalo, New York. She is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Alexander Muirden of Great Falls; her son Percy Robinson of Peabody, Massachusetts; and also by her two sisters, Mrs. James Chaplain of York, England and Mrs. Richard Graham of Buffalo, New York; and two brothers, John Stevenson of Washington, D. C., and Robert Stevenson of Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Francis Asbury Rankin, infant son of Rev. and Mrs. Ira F. Rankin, was born in Delaware, Ohio, September 23rd, 1922 and died September 25th, 1922. The little one was in perfect health for the first twenty-four hours, but was to blossom only a short time until the dear Saviour saw best to take him. Hemorrhage of the bowels rendered human aid impossible. "The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away, blessed be the name of the Lord."

Mrs. Martha Elizabeth Holbrook Oliver, wife of the Rev. Samuel A. Oliver, a retired member of the Montana Conference, was born near London, Ontario, Canada, February 5, 1861. She passed to the life triumphant from Boise, Idaho, May 10, 1923. She leaves a husband, Samuel A. Oliver and two daughters, Mrs. Ethel A. Keene, of Townsend, Mont., and Mrs. Grace E. Hamilton of Miles City, Mont., two sisters and two brothers all residing in the state of Michigan, and one brother, Arthur Holbrook of Fruitland, Idaho, and a great company of close friends who mourn their loss. As a mere child this good woman became a follower of Jesus Christ and a devout believer in His teachings. She could not remember when she began to lead the Christian life. Her father was a class leader in the Methodist Church for more than fifty years, and his home was of a most religious type, and Mrs. Oliver never departed from the influence of her early training. As a young woman she moved with her parents to Michigan, and on October 21, 1884, she became the wife of Reverend Samuel A. Oliver, with whom she served in faithfulness as mistress of the parsonage for more than 29 years of active ministry, chiefly in the Montana Conference. In 1913 Brother Oliver retired from the active ministry and took up his home on a farm in Montana, where he wrought for seven years. In 1920 he moved to Boise, Idaho, where he and Mrs. Oliver at once cast their life and influence into the work of the First Methodist Episcopal Church as their church home, and they soon had a great company of warm hearted friends. Mrs. Oliver was buried from the First Church, Saturday, May 12, W. W. Van Dusen conducting the service, assisted by Dr. J. A. Glendinning and Rev. C. D. Day.

XIII

Roll of the Dead

OUR HONORED DEAD

Bishop Naphtali Luccock, Helena Area 1912-1916, Died April 4, 1916.

Name	Joined	Mont. Conf.	Died	Place of Burial
1—Adams, C. P.	1912		1914	Sumatra
2—Bennett, J. W.	1887		1913	Missoula
3—Berk, Alexis	1896		1896	Unknown
4—Canfield, Wm.	1891		1892	Virginia City
5—Clampitt, H. P.	1887		1888	Butte
6—Comfort, George	1887		1908	Lanesboro, Pa.
7—Duncan, Hugh	1887		1887	Sheridan
8—Garvin, Thomas	1893		1901	Loyalton, Cal.
9—Hall, Marion J.	1887		1905	Los Angeles, Cal.
10—Hall, William	1887		1898	Pine Creek
11—James, Henry A.	1895		1921	Livingston
12—Jenkins, G. W.	1888		1901	Philipsburg
13—Lowry, Phillip	1888		1896	Anaconda
14—Mickel, L. H.	1892		1910	Bozeman
15—Miller, C. E.	1897		1909	Billings
16—Raleigh, A. D.	1887		1908	Helena
17—Rodger, Allan	1891		1904	Great Falls
18—Snider, Samuel E.	1885		1921	Virginia
19—Snyder, Wm. E.	1889		1915	Roseburg, Ore.
20—Taft, H. S.	1889		1899	Columbia Falls
21—Tait, J. W.	1889		1918	Anaconda
22—Van Scoy, Thomas	1898		1901	Helena
23—Ware, I. S.	1904		1915	Bozeman
24—Warman, Henry	1892		1903	Glendive
25—Whiteley, Jno. M.	1909		1919	Glendive

In case of misinformation, corrections will be welcomed by the Secretary.

XIV

Conference Sessions

ROCKY MOUNTAIN CONFERENCE

Yr.	DAY	PLACE	BISHOP	SECRETARY
1872	August	2 Salt Lake City, Utah..	Foster	J. M. Jameson
1873	July	31 Salt Lake City, Utah..	Peck	D. G. Strong
1874	August	13 Salt Lake City, Utah..	Bowman	D. G. Strong
1875	August	12 Salt Lake City, Utah..	Haven	D. G. Strong
1876	July	27 Helena, Mont.	Harris	F. A. Riggin

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1877	August	2 Bozeman	Bowman	L. W. B. Long
1878	August	2 Virginia City	Andrews	Hugh Duncan
1879	July	3 Butte	Merrill	W. C. Shippen
1880	July	23 Virginia City	Wiley	George Comfort
1881	July	21 Helena	Wiley	George Comfort
1882	July	21 Bozeman	Hurst	George Comfort
1883	August	15 Butte	Wiley	George Comfort
1884	September	25 Helena	Fowler	George Comfort
1885	July	9 Dillon	Walden	George Comfort
1886	July	8 Bozeman	Harris	W. A. Shannon

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1887	August	17 Butte	Foster	W. A. Shannon
1888	July	12 Missoula	Joyce	George Comfort
1889	July	4 Helena	Goodsell	George C. Stull
1890	July	24 Livingston	Vincent	George C. Stull
1891	July	20 Great Falls	Bowman	George C. Stull
1892	August	4 Anaconda	Walden	George C. Stull
1893	August	10 Bozeman	Fowler	George C. Stull
1894	August	9 Butte, Mountain View	Joyce	Phillip Lowry
1895	August	22 Helena, St. Paul's....	Ninde	Phillip Lowry
1896	August	13 Dillon	Warren	Phillip Lowry
1897	August	13 Butte, Trinity	Cranston	George D. King
1898	August	11 Anaconda	Mallalieu	George D. King
1899	August	9 Livingston	Joyce	George D. King
1900	August	8 Helena, St. Paul's....	Fowler	George D. King
1901	August	7 Missoula	Fowler	George D. King
1902	August	7 Bozeman	Merrill	L. H. Mickel
1903	August	13 Livingston	McCabe	L. H. Mickel
1904	August	24 Butte, Grace	Berry	L. H. Mickel
1905	August	16 Dillon	Moore	L. H. Mickel
1906	August	16 Billings	Cranston	L. H. Mickel
1907	August	21 Anaconda	Moore	George D. King
1908	August	20 Miles City	McDowell	George D. King
1909	August	25 Butte, Mountain View	Spelmeyer	C. E. Miller
1910	August	24 Helena, St. Paul's....	McIntyre	George D. King
1911	August	21 Billings	Nuelsen	Edward L. Mills
1912	August	21 Missoula	Luccock	Paul M. Adams
1913	August	20 Bozeman	Luccock	Paul M. Adams
1914	August	26 Forsyth	Luccock	Paul M. Adams
1915	August	18 Butte	McConnell	Paul M. Adams
1916	August	16 Livingston	Cooke	Paul M. Adams
1917	August	22 Billings	Hamilton	Paul M. Adams
1918	August	21 Dillon	Shepard	Jno. M. Whitley
1919	August	20 Glendive	Cooke	Charles Rhodes
1920	August	25 Helena, St. Paul's....	Burns	Charles Rhodes
1921	August	24 Miles City	Burns	Charles Rhodes
1922	August	30 Missoula	Mead	Charles Rhodes
1923	August	29 Helena	Burns	Charles Rhodes

XV

Miscellaneous

GOVERNING LAWS

Articles of Incorporation of the Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Montana.

EXHIBIT "A"

"Resolved that the Trustees of this Conference, to-wit: L. H. Mickel, S. A. Oliver and Jacob Mills, be and are hereby authorized to incorporate this Conference, and for that purpose to file with the proper officer articles of incorporation, as required by law."

We, the President and Secretary of the Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Montana, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Montana, at a regular meeting thereof, held in the city of Helena, Mont., on the twenty-sixth of August, 1910, and we do further certify that said resolution was adopted by the unanimous vote of the members of said Conference then present.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands, this twenty-sixth day of August, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and ten.

ROBERT McINTYRE, President.

Attest: GEO. D. KING, Secretary.

State of Montana, County of Lewis and Clark—ss.

We, L. H. Mickel, S. A. Oliver and Jacob Mills, Trustees of the Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Montana, do by these presents, pursuant to and in conformity with the laws of the State of Montana, and pursuant to, and as authorized by a resolution, duly passed and adopted by said Conference, certified copy of which resolution is hereto attached marked "Exhibit A", and hereby referred to as and made a part thereof, and for the purpose of incorporating said Conference agree upon and adopt the following:

Articles of Incorporation.

First: The name of said corporation is hereby declared to be THE CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF MONTANA.

Second: The purposes for which said corporation is organized are to supervise, superintend and promote the organization, co-operation, activities, maintenance, and work of local churches and organizations of the Methodist Episcopal Church within the boundaries and jurisdiction of said Conference as now established, and as the same may from time to time be established, changed, modified, and maintained; to maintain, carry on, and conduct the preaching and dissemination of the gospel of Jesus Christ within the boundaries and jurisdiction of said Conference, and throughout the world, and to that end co-operate with other conferences, associations, and institutions: to establish, erect, maintain, carry on and conduct and aid in establishing, erecting, maintaining, carrying on, and conducting schools, colleges, universities, hospitals, and other eleemosynary, benevolent charitable, and religious institutions and enterprises; to receive devises, bequests, legacies, donations, and funds and accept and discharge trusts and agencies for or on behalf of, or in aid of, any and all such or similar institutions, enterprises, and causes, and generally to do and perform any and all things that may be convenient or proper in promoting, maintaining and furthering all benevolent, char-

itable, and religious works, enterprises and measures authorized or that may be authorized by the general or local laws, rules, and regulations of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and to purchase or otherwise acquire, and to sell, or otherwise dispose of, and encumber such property, real, personal, and mixed, as may from time to time be necessary, proper, or convenient for the purpose or any of the purposes aforesaid.

Third: The number of trustees of said corporation for the first year of the corporate existence of such corporation is three.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We hereunto set our hands the twenty-sixth day of August, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and ten.

L. H. MICKEL,
S. A. OLIVER,
JACOB MILLS.

State of Montana.
County of Lewis and Clark.

On this twenty-sixth day of August, in the year nineteen hundred and ten, before me, Messena Bullard, a Notary Public for the State of Montana, personally appeared L. H. Mickel, S. A. Oliver, and Jacob Mills, known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Notarial Seal, the day and year in this certificate first above written.

MESSENA BULLARD,

Notary Public for the State of Montana, residing at Helena, Mont. My commission expires January 23, 1912.

BY-LAWS OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF MONTANA.

Article I.

The Board of Trustees—The Board of Trustees, after the first year, shall number not less than three nor more than seven, all of whom reside within the bounds of the said Conference and shall be over twenty-one years of age, a majority of whom shall be members of the said Conference; the minority shall be lay members of the said church; all of whom shall be chosen by the Annual Conference of the said Church. The financial and secular business of the corporation shall be under their management.

Article II.

Officers of the Board of Trustees—The officers of the Board of Trustees shall consist of a President, Secretary, and Treasurer, all of whom shall be elected annually by ballot at the first meeting of the Board of Trustees after election of members by the Annual Conference and whose term of office will terminate at the election and qualification of their successors.

Article III.

Duties of Officers—Section 1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside when present at all meetings of the Board of Trustees, appoint committees, call special meetings of the Board of Trustees as occasion may require, sign orders on the Treasurer for the payment of money and during the interim between meetings have general supervision of the affairs of the Board of Trustees, and to execute all legal papers on behalf of the corporation as provided by law.

Sec. 2. The duties of the Vice-President shall be to preside at all meetings of the Board of Trustees in the absence of the President and perform all other duties of the President in his absence.

Sec. 3. The duties of the Secretary shall be to keep a correct journal of the proceedings of all meetings of the Board of Trustees in a record book provided for that purpose and to take charge of and preserve all papers and documents belonging to his office, and to attest all legal papers of the corporation. He shall deliver to his legal successor or to the Board of Trustees when requested all books and papers of the corporation. He shall deliver to his legal successor or to the Board of Trustees when requested all books and papers in his possession belonging to said Board.

Sec. 4. The duties of the Treasurer shall be to receive and take charge of, under the direction of the Board of Trustees, all moneys received by the corporation and to pay out the same on the order of the President. He shall also keep an account of all moneys received by him, showing from what source received, and of all moneys paid out by him and render a full report of the transactions of the financial condition of his office to the Board of Trustees at its annual meeting, and at such other times as he may be directed by said board. He shall furnish, if required, by the Board of Trustees, before receiving any of the funds of the Conference, a fidelity bond in such amount as the Board of Trustees may direct from time to time, to cover the faithful performance of his duties. These bonds shall be made payable to the Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Montana, and shall be executed by some responsible bonding company approved by the Board of Trustees, and the cost of said bonds shall be paid by this corporation. All moneys received by the Treasurer shall be deposited forthwith by him in some bank or other institution of deposit, subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees and he shall furnish a certified duplicate certificate of deposit to the chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees for each deposit as soon as made.

ORGANIZATION OF W. F. M. S. IN MONTANA.

The first auxilliary of this society was organized in Fort Benton in 1885, by Mrs. Jacob Mills, the Pastor's wife, who was its first President. In 1886 Mrs. Mills organized another society at White Sulphur Springs and was its first President, and Mrs. J. C. Tipton its Secretary. The same year Mrs. Mary C. Nind, Secretary of the Minneapolis Branch, organized auxilliaries at Bozeman, Lizzie Kinsman, Secretary; Butte, Mrs. W. E. King, Secretary; Helena, Mrs. Eva Palmer, Secretary, and Missoula, Mrs. H. V. Wheeler, Secretary.

During the first year of work there were four orphans supported in India; one by Rev. J. W. Bennett, one by S. S. at Walkerville, one by Edward Laird Mills and one by George Dickey Mills. The amount raised during the first year 1885-6 was \$240.00.

Mrs. Mary C. Nind appointed Mrs. Jacob Mills the first Conference Secretary. Prior to this time there had been some work done in this State, notably by Mrs. Orison Miles, of Bozeman, and Mrs. John Selway, of Dillon. There may have been others of whom I have no knowledge. But whatever was done, it was done through Eastern auxilliaries with which these elect women had been connected before coming to Montana.

The Helena Auxilliary holds the record for a continuous existence since organization in 1886 to the present time.

(Signed) MRS. JACOB MILLS.

Helena, Montana, September 19, 1923.

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STATISTICAL TABLES 1923

STATISTICIAN'S REPORT—BUTTE DISTRICT—MONTANA CONFERENCE FOR 1923

NAME OF CHARGE	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP										Sunday Schools		Epw'th League		Church Property						List No.
	Baptisms		Prep. Mem.	Full Memb'rs		Officers and Teachers	Total Enroll- m't all depts.	Av. Attendance All Grades.....	Senior Mem- bers	Junior Mem- bers	Church Bldgs..	Estimated Val. Land & Bldgs.	Parsonages	Estimated Val. Land & Blgs.	Paid for bldg & Imp. on Chs. & Parsonages..	Paid on old in- d'bt'n'ss Chs. & P'rs'n'ges.....	Pr's'nt Debt on Churches and Parsonages	Current Ex- penses			
	Adults Baptized	Children Baptized		Bap. Ch'ld'r under inst..	Received during yr...														Now on Roll	Full M'b'rs now on roll..		Non-resid'nt Members	Deaths During Yr.
	Local	Preachers, No. on Charge.....																			

Alberton	1	4	26	12	13	17	12	1	9	119	52	19	28	1	900	1	25000	190		2100	85	1	
Anaconda	2	3	14	12	13	17	122	4	26	338	176	19	28	1	25000	1	1500				1507	2	
Avon									1	24	17			1	1500		2400					3	
Big Blackfoot		2	17	12	2	2	14	2	8	72	34	15		2	10000	2	7000	350	100	300	704	4	
Butte: Grace									14	238	122			1	1500						53	5	
" Wesley									50	109	50	65	102	1	38000	1	5000	3000	300	4700	5816	6	
" Mountain View	4	12	23	102	43	10	37	6	24	673	343	20	44	1	8000	1	2000	556		577	644	7	
" Trinity		1	7	20	20	5	5	1	14	216	130	20	20	1	4000	1	1250				280	8	
" Mount Bethel	2		4	11	7		15		14	183	80	20	20	1	15000	1		500			365	9	
" Unity		3	10		2	18	10		10	145	110	35	45		2000			170			150	10	
" Silver Bow		3	7		18		4		4	120	90			1	600	1		32			51	11	
Clancy and Jefferson	1				14		7		22	20	12			2	3000	1	5000				425	12	
Dillon		5	11				86		4	358	174	53		1	15000	1						13	
Dillon Circuit									4	29	22			1	500	1	1500	25				14	
Drummond and Hall		2	2		4			2	20	150	80			3	5000	1	2000	25			2700	15	
Hamilton and Sula	1		6		5			1	25	140	75	30	35	2	5250	1	2500	100			2750	16	
Helena: Oakes Street	3		13	15	11	8	4	1	15	163	68	13	52	1	11200	1	2500	5450	750		181	17	
" St. Paul's	3	11	21	21	22	6	20	3	30	375	220	67	30	1	40000	1	6000	300	500		2690	18	
McAllister			3			4	4		10	87	58			3	7000	1	2000	67			180	19	
Missoula	1	2	15	42	27	22	52	1	36	656	336	45	66	2	52000	1	5000	500			3000	20	
Philipsburg	1	5	7	6	6	20	5	1	14	170	66	42	20	1	5000	1	1000	200			1050	21	
Ronan and Round Butte	2	7	4		10	10	8		49	307	180	32	12	1	6000	1	2000	300	1200		200	22	
St. Ignatius	1				3		11		11	79	45			1	2500			150			749	23	
Sheridan	2	2	6				10		13	140	100			1	4000	1	2000	130			250	24	
Twin Bridges									6	50	30			1	2000	1	1000				100	25	
Stevensville			9	3	3	3	40	2	9	91	45	14		1	3500	1	3000	720			125	26	
Superior and St. Regis							16		8	77	34			1	2500	1	1500	100				27	
Thompson and Plains							24	1	16	197	105	14	42	3	6000	1	2000	25			125	28	
Three Forks		5	3	12	9		9		7	87	54		16	1	23000	1	4000	30			1300	29	
Townsend and Radersburg			3				5		12	148	80	15		2	6000	1	2000	50			150	30	
Whitehall Circuit			1		6	3	12		17	163	102			2	5000	1	3000	111	300		143	31	
Winston and Marysville					2		3	1	5	40	24			2	3000	1	500						32
Totals for 1923	24	67	214	293	258	156	534	27	511	5765	3114	499	512	45	315750	26	70850	13081	800	10427	25773		33
Totals for 1922	16	66	233	190	189	183	459	27	491	5417	3018	457	630	48	305350	27	70900	5807	650	5650	26749		34
Gain	8	1	103	69	75		75		20	348	96	42			10400			7274	150	4777			35
Loss			19			27								3	50	1					976		36

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List No.	NAMES OF CHARGES	NAMES OF PASTORS	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT										Tot'l Defic'ncy
			Support of Pastor			Support District Supt.		Support of Bishops		Support Conf. Cl'm'ts		Total Paid for Minist'r'l Sup.	
			Total Inc. House Rent	Total Paid Inc. House Rent	Rental Val. of P'rsn'ge	Claim.....	Paid.....	Claim.....	Paid.....	Claim.....	Paid.....		
1	Ashland and Birney	P. A. Kliever	200	200	216	20	4	30	12	72	220	16	
2	Baker	Percy H. Davies	1350	1350	500	120	30	81	72	180	1572		
3	Billings	G. D. Wolfe	3500	3500	500	300	81	57	180	150	4061		
4	Bozeman	R. P. Smith	3000	3000	500	250	57	29	150	60	3457		
5	Bridger Circuit	H. E. Chappell	1420	1420	420	100	29	10	60	26	1609		
6	Clyde Park	Gerard J. S. Abels	1240	890	240	60	10	10	26	6	986	350	
7	Comanche Circuit	F. M. Latham	1350	1350	250	110	30	30	66	66	1556		
8	Fairview	A. T. Peck	790	790	300	79	17	17	48	48	934		
9	Fishtail Circuit	Fred Whitford	1600	1600	300	130	36	36	78	78	1864		
10	Forsyth	A. C. Baer	1500	1500	300	120	30	30	72	25	1675	47	
11	Fromberg Circuit	Chas. M. Donaldson	3000	3000	600	240	54	54	144	144	3438		
12	Glendive	John A. Meeke	2900	2900	600	230	40	40	138	138	3308		
13	Hardin	Louis L. Ortmyer	1300	1120	200	110	22	18	66	61	1291	207	
14	Huntley and Worden	W. C. Smith	600	500		50	12	7	30	18	562	130	
15	Ingomar Circuit	H. E. Chappell	200	200		20	4	4	12	12	236		
16	Joliet	E. D. Swisher	1500	1400	300	120	33	30	72	66	1606	119	
17	Laurel	N. M. Temple	2500	2500	300	220	56	56	135	135	2911		
18	Livingston	Thomas Hardie	3000	3000	500	250	50	50	150	150	3450		
19	Miles City	A. D. Welch	700	700		70	16	16	42	42	828		
20	Park City	Otto G. Ponath	1200	1000	200	100	22	10	66	27	1112	276	
21	Pine Creek	F. C. Fulford	1900	1900	300	160	42	42	96	96	2198		
22	Red Lodge and Roberts	A. D. Welch	750	750	150	60	14	14	36	36	860		
23	Reed Point	Cecil G. Hannan	1350	1200	200	100	27	27	60	50	1377	160	
24	Richey Circuit	W. H. Calvert	920	830	120	80	20	18	48	48	976	92	
25	Sidney	Walter Lee Greer	1700	1600	300	130	38	36	84	78	1872	80	
26	Wibaux	Totals for 1923	39470	38200	6496	3229	774	742	1943	1812	43959	1477	
27	Wilsall Circuit	Totals for 1922	40780	38206	7580	3135	708	644	1839	1613	42857	3121	
28		Gain				94	66	98	104	199	1102		
29		Loss		6	1084								
30			1310									1644	
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1	Butte	H. K. Holtzinger	38526	37859	6706	3111	2980	784	725	1864	1804	43358	877
2	Yellowstone	R. C. Edgington	39470	38200	6496	3229	3196	774	742	1943	1812	43959	1477
3		Grand Totals for 1923	77996	76059	13202	6340	6176	1558	1467	3807	3616	87317	2354
4		Grand Totals for 1922	76621	71459	13536	6019	5640	1456	1336	3580	3257	81237	4600
5		Gain	1375	4600		321	536	102	131	227	359	6080	
6		Loss			334								2246

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS—YELLOWSTONE DISTRICT

List No.	NAME OF CHARGE	SUNDAY SCHOOLS												List No.
		Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Sch'l'rs, not inc. H. Dep. C. R'l	Members in Home Dept.....	Children on Cradle Roll....	Total Enrollm't all Depts.....	Avg. Attendance all Grds.	Offic'rs, Tchrs. Mbrs. or Prep.	Scholars, Mbrs. or Preparatory	Accessions f'rm Sun. School....	Paid by S. S. to Centenary..	S. S. Exp. Les. L'v's Bks. etc.	
1	Ashland and Birney	2	9	90			90	40	6		16			1
2	Baker	1	13	160			173	101	13	15	2	50	151	2
3	Billings	1	54	527	50	75	706		54	350		323	773	3
4	Bozeman	1	24	266		9	275	141	24	164	36	205	298	4
5	Bridger Circuit	1	16	110	1	20	147	70	8	8	3	50	120	5
6	Clyde Park	1	7	45			52	36	2			8	57	6
7	Comanche Circuit	1	5	42			47	18				6		7
8	Fairview	2	28	144		10	154	104	20	81	20	81	140	8
9	Fishtail Circuit	4	15	125			125	105	10			10	70	9
10	Forsyth	1	14	175	6	28	223	105	14	47	10	174	183	10
11	Fromberg Circuit	3	27	243	2	15	260	138	18	20	4	66	200	11
12	Glendive	1	34	256	52	47	379	214	28	151	52	363	346	12
13	Hardin	2	27	220		20	240	160	26	100	29		210	13
14	Huntley and Worden	3	36	221		18	275	154	29	48	16	163	170	14
15	Ingomar Circuit	2	19	110		15	125	110	12	35		12	75	15
16	Joliet Circuit													16
17	Laurel	1	22	81		47	150	67	16	26	15	98	120	17
18	Livingston	1	22	275	10	55	362	150	22	120		137	250	18
19	Miles City	1	29	339	26	35	429	247	24	56	14	132	348	19
20	Park City	1	10	69			69	49	8	12		15	75	20
21	Pine Creek	1	14	51		21	72	31	13			24	56	21
22	Red Lodge and Roberts	2	16	214		20	250	150	14	60	12	100	125	22
23	Reed Point	2	15	95	10		105	65	8	20	3	12	75	23
24	Richey Circuit	2	16	150			166	95	4	26	2	2	90	24
25	Sidney	1	14	110		10	120	61	13	45	2		100	25
26	Wibaux	1	11	75		27	113	47	11	75			120	26
27	Wilsall Circuit	3	23	182			182	110	16	44	17	19	120	27
28	Totals for 1923	42	520	4375	157	472	5289	2673	413	1503	253	2050	4272	28
29	Totals for 1922	46	532	4531	62	640	5195	2999	386	1390	230	2737	3980	29
30	Gain				95		94		27	113	23		292	30
31	Loss	4	12	156		168		326				687		31

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List No.	NAME OF CHARGE	Disciplinary Benev'le'ces				Benevolences ord'r'd Ann. Conf.							Other Cash Items				Gr. Total Inc. D. and A. Conf. Ben. etc.			
		Centenary	B'd Edu: Child- ren's day fund	Woman's For. Miss. Society..	Woman's Home Miss. Society..	Total Dis. Benevolences ..	Edu. End'wm'ts Bldgs. etc.....	Hospital	City Misssion- ary Society	Sust Fund.....	Mont. Deac'n'ss School	State Epw. League	Other Benev- olences	Total Benevolences	Support of Dist. Supt.....	Support of Bishops		Support of Conf. Cl'm'nts	Gen. Conf. Ex..	
1	Ashland and Birney	10				10	7							16	20	30	72		30	
2	Baker	60	10			70	140	2466					9	3014	120	78	180	25	308	
3	Billings	2585	26			3751	110	11552					127	11870	300	57	150	68	7348	
4	Bozeman	850	5			1105	64	125					83	197	250	29	60	20	13500	
5	Bridger Circuit	315	10			325		5					8	5	100	10	26		731	
6	Clyde Park	48				48									60				149	
7	Comanche Circuit																		6	
8	Fairview	175				175				40				40	110	30	66		421	
9	Fishtail Circuit	10				10		20						20	79	17	48	5	179	
10	Forsyth	573				575	17	38		125		25	205	130	36	78	23		1047	
11	Fromberg Circuit	233	7			240	53	66						119	120	30	25	4	538	
12	Glendive	1568	18			1724	200	195		50	103			548	240	54	144	48	2758	
13	Hardin	132	14			146									230	40	138		554	
14	Huntley and Worden	282	13			335		140				8	148	98	18	61	18		678	
15	Ingomar Circuit	125	3			128				11	23		34	37	7	18			224	
16	Joliet Circuit													20	4	12			36	
17	Laurel	314	18			532		1019			3		1022	110	30	66	16		1776	
18	Livingston	791				912	40	501			12		553	220	56	135	37		1913	
19	*Miles City	1475	20			1495		28		150			178	250	50	150			2123	
20	Park City	50	4			54								70	16	42	10		192	
21	Pine Creek	206	7			213				17		28	45	75	10	27	2		372	
22	Red Lodge and Roberts	808				816		115			20		160	160	42	96	9		1283	
23	Reed Point	50	4			54								60	14	36	4		168	
24	Richey Circuit	20	19			39		183					183	100	27	50	5		404	
25	Sidney	57				57													57	
26	Wibaux	321				321								80	18	48			467	
27	Wilsall Circuit	291	16			307		65				6	71	158	36	78			650	
28	Totals for 1923	11349	194	1350	549	13442	631	16518		708	252	319	18428	3197	739	1812	294		37912	
29	Totals for 1922	13154	144	1617	523	15438	2409	8876		625	120	225	13852	2881	629	1625	16		34441	
30	Increase		50		26			7642		83	132	94	4576	316	110	187	278		3471	
31	Decrease	1805		267		1996														
		* \$390.00 Centenary money in a closed bank.																		

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